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Page 5 1 comes in to begin with. So my suggestion would be 1 2 that we revisit that after all the proof comes in and PROCEEDINGS 2 3 then the Court can decide whether it's appropriate to (WHEREUPON, the above-captioned matter 3 4 was heard by the Board as follows:) 4 rule at that time. 5 5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. I'll just 6 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Mr. Huffman? 6 go on and do that. 7 7 And like I said, Mr. Huffman, I MR. HUFFMAN: Yes. sir. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. And Mr. --8 understand, like I said, you've not had a chance to 9 is it Boucek? 9 file anything so I'll take that into account greatly 10 when I make a decision on that because of the MR. BOUCEK: Yes, sir. 10 11 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Yeah, I'm 11 timeliness of the -- of the motion --12 gonna get that right here. I'll probably 12 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. 13 mispronounce it throughout this hearing but I ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: -- being so close 13 14 apologize in advance. 14 to the hearing date. 15 Okay, here. Before we get started, any 15 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. Thank you. 16 preliminary matters we need to address? ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Anything 16 MR. BOUCEK: Yes, Your Honor, we do have 17 17 else, Mr. Boucek? 18 outstanding motions. I don't know if you want to MR. BOUCEK: I just wanted to bring one 18 19 take those up outside of the presence of the Board. additional matter to the Court's attention. I've 19 20 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Well, like I told 20 disclosed this to Mr. Huffman. We have an expert 21 witness, Mr. John Cerasuolo. And we -- I believe one you before here, I -- I just wasn't -- wasn't 21 22 prepared to rule on those motions today here -- on 22 of the board members is an employee for the company 23 these motions here. Like I said, they were filed 23 at which he is the CEO. We've talked about it on our 24 sort of late and I've just been covered up with other 24 end. We are -- have no objection whatsoever to him 25 hearings here so I haven't -- really had a chance to 25 remaining throughout these proceedings. I just Page 6 Page 8 1 get into that. 1 wanted to put it on the record. 2 I don't know if Mr. Huffman has filed a 2 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Mr. 3 response yet has -- filed a response. I'm not sure. 3 Huffman? 4 I don't think so. 4 MR. HUFFMAN: We have no objection to 5 5 MR. HUFFMAN: No, we have not. that either. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: And I know -- I 6 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. And who's 6 7 7 know one of the motions deals with a -- my -- my the board member that might have -charge to the Board. And quite frankly, I mean, if 8 MR. HARVEY: (Indicating.) 8 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Are you 9 9 it's that important to you, I mean, I -- I certainly 10 don't mind -- I -- I will, you know, consider to 10 comfortable hearing this also then? 11 reset this matter so we can -- so we can review that. 11 MR. HARVEY: Yes. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: And that's 12 But I've got -- I've got a Board charge ready to go 12 13 here. And I'm -- I'm -- you know, I generally am not 13 Mr. Harvey, correct? 14 inclined to change that. But like I said, I was -- I 14 MR. HARVEY: Yes. 15 don't -- read your motion very much at all here. I 15 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. That's fine 16 just did a scan of it here. 16 then. 17 So I mean, are you -- if you're that 17 MR. BOUCEK: Then that's all we have at 18 determined that -- that you want -- that you want me 18 this time, Your Honor. 19 to do that charge here, have a hearing on that, I 19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you 20 mean, I certainly will entertain a motion to reset 20 then. Then we'll go and get started on the record this matter to -- so we can set it for a motion today 21 then on this matter here. 21 22 if that's what you want to do. 22 This is the matter of the Alarm System

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Contractors Board; the case of Adam Jackson doing

Is it Edge AI or A1? I'm trying to --

MR. BOUCEK: Well, Your Honor, regarding

24 the charging instructions, it probably is best to

hear that -- or to entertain that after the proof

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: -- Edge Al.

Okay. Thank you here.

I'm Jerome Cochran, the administrative judge assigned to hear this matter by the Secretary of State's Office.

Before we get started here, let me go ahead and give my preliminary instructions to the Board for this hearing here. And if you don't understand something, please stop me if you have any questions, okay?

Before this hearing begins, I want to give you these instructions to help you understand how this case will proceed. Your duties and your conduct during this hearing -- well, no, the -- the instructions -- the attorneys will make opening statements. These statements will be brief outlines of what the attorneys expect their evidence to be.

After opening statements, you will hear the evidence. The evidence generally consists of the numbered exhibits and testimony of the witnesses, including affidavits.

Pursuant to the uniform rules for hearing contested cases, the State has -- excuse me -- the respondent in this matter has the burden of proof

1 your questions to gain any information or 2 clarifications of the facts that you think would 3 assist you in reaching a decision in this case. 4 However, you must reserve any expression of opinion. 5 You may head to that portion of the hearing that is 6 set aside for the Board -- Commissioners -- excuse 7 me -- for the Board deliberations which occurs after 8 all the proof has been heard.

Board Members, you should not draw any conclusions until all the proof has been submitted. Please listen to all the proof with an open mind. When all the evidence has been presented to you, the attorneys will make closing arguments. The attorneys will point out to each of you what they contend the evidence has shown, what inference that they think you should draw from the evidence, and what conclusions they think you should reach.

The statements and arguments by the attorneys are not evidence. They are made to help you understand the evidence, apply the law to the evidence of the case, and to persuade you -- each of the parties' position in this case. You should ignore any statement by counsel that is not supported by the evidence.

After closing arguments, I will further

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since he's filed a motion for declaratory order in 1 2 this matter. So the respondent will proceed first: 3 that is Mr. Jackson. Once Mr. Jackson has presented 4 his case, Mr. Huffman representing the Department 5 will be allowed to present his case. Each -- each 6 attorney will be allowed to ask questions of each 7 other's witnesses, and the Board will also be allowed 8 to ask questions of each witness.

Because the respondent is the party with the burden of proof in this case, it will be the respondent's burden to establish all those facts necessary to prove every fact alleged in his order -or his motion. Excuse me. The Department does not have the burden in this matter. The respondent must meet the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence, which means that the amount of evidence that causes you to conclude that the allegation is probably true.

If the evidence on a particular issue is equally balanced, the issue has not been proven by a preponderance of the evidence, and the party having the burden of proof has failed in this -- this part.

During the course of the hearing, there'll be opportunities for each of you to question each witness that testifies under oath. Please use

Page 12 instruct you on the rules of law that apply to this 1 2 case. It is your function, Members of the Board, to determine what the facts are, to apply the rules of 3 4 the law that I give you to those facts to make a 5 conclusion of law which you decide whether or not the respondent has -- excuse me -- the Department --6

As you can see, these rules are made for a -- for the State to prove their burden of proof here so I'm trying to change this on the fly here. I'm not doing a very good job. I apologize but let me stress again that this is the motion filed by the respondent, Mr. Jackson, so he does carry the burden of proof here so he must carry out, Mr. -- prove to you that his -- what he alleges is true.

Okay. As I muddled through that, are there any questions before we get started by the Board?

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: No. sir. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Okay. Mr. Huffman and Mr. Jackson, do -do any of you request the rule for the -- for this case?

23 MR. BOUCEK: May I just have one moment 24 to talk with my client? 25

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.

Page 15 Page 13 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we're fine with 1 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. And how 2 2 many people are there? Obviously, is it -- is it -the witnesses staying in the courtroom. 3 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Mr. Huffman, do 3 is everyone present? 4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a full 4 you have any witnesses that you want to... 5 MR. HUFFMAN: No, we're not invoking the 5 board, yes, sir. 6 6 rule. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Full Board. Okay. 7 7 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Very good. Thank you. 8 8 Okay. Any stipulations that we need to be aware of Okay. Members of the Board, during this 9 9 before we get started? time the hearing is being conducted, no discussions 10 MR. HUFFMAN: No, sir. 10 of this case should take place between the board 11 MR. BOUCEK: I don't believe we've 11 members, witnesses, attorneys, or other persons 12 entered into any stipulations. Your Honor. 12 unless all parties are present. The Board's just 13 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Today is like a jury and must only consider evidence 13 introduced at the hearing in reaching its decision. 14 August 23rd, 2018. This is a hearing conducted by 14 the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance. The Tennessee Sunshine Law requires all 15 15 16 This is the matter of Adam Jackson doing business as 16 Board discussions and deliberations to be in public 17 Edge Al. 17 before all parties. Failure to observe the Sunshine 18 Let me go ahead and just have the 18 Law may result in the Board's actions be reversed or 19 attorneys introduce themselves to the Board just 19 remanded if appealed. 20 to get this out of the way here. 20 You may not use any electronic device or 21 Mr. Boucek, do you want to introduce 21 media such as a smart phone, or computer, any 22 yourself for the Board? 22 internet service, or any text or instant messaging 23 MR. BOUCEK: Yes, sir. Ladies and 23 service, or any chatroom, blog, or website such as 24 Gentlemen of the Board, thank you for having me. My 24 Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter to communicate any 25 information to anyone, to receive any information 25 name is Braden Boucek. I represent the petitioner in Page 14 this case, Mr. Adam Jackson. I'm from the Beacon 1 1 from everyone -- or any- -- excuse me -- from anyone Center of Tennessee. And with me is David Harbin 2 for conducting your research about this case or 2 3 3 who's a lawyer who's been assisting me in this anything related to it. 4 matter. 4 Do each of you understand that? 5 5 MR. HUFFMAN: And I am Stuart Huffman. THE BOARD: (Nods heads affirmatively.) ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Okay. 6 I'm disciplinary counsel for the State of Tennessee 6 7 and also for the Alarm Systems Board. 7 And -- and that's -- let's go ahead and get on the 8 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Once again, 8 record also, there is a relationship between 9 I'm Jerome Cochran, I'm the judge assigned to hear 9 Mr. Harvey and one of the witnesses that's gonna be testifying but both parties understand that and are 10 this matter. 10 fine with that. 11 Would the Board please introduce 11 12 themselves also, please? We'll start with Mr. Harvey 12 MR. HUFFMAN: (Nods head affirmatively.) ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Is there 13 here and work our way down. 13 any technical record I need to attach to this or we 14 MR. HARVEY: My name's Keith Harvey. 14 15 MR. FRAKER: My name is Doug Fraker. 15 need to enter into, any exhibit? 16 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Vivian Hixson. 16 Mr. Huffman, any technical record? 17 17 MR. RICHARD: Lou Richard. MR. HUFFMAN: No, I don't believe so. MR. COCKROFT: And Scott Cockroft. 18 18 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Mr. Boucek, 19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Ms. Hixson, 19 anything you want to enter to - in the technical 20 record? 20 I'd -- I understand you're the Chairwoman of the 21 Board, correct? 21 MR. BOUCEK: Into the technical record --22 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes, sir. 22 we do have exhibits but we'll be moving to enter 23 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Do you have 23 those into the record --24 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: That's fine. 24 a quorum present for this hearing? 25 25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes, sir, we do. That's appropriate then. Okay.

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Okay. I'll go ahead and -- Mr. Boucek, you can go ahead and give your opening statement, sir. Go ahead.

MR. BOUCEK: Thank you, Your Honor.
Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Board. As I told you earlier, my name is Braden
Boucek. I'm from the Beacon Center of Tennessee and
I'm here representing Mr. Jackson today in his
petition before the Board.

We're here to answer one question and one question only, and that is whether or not Mr. Jackson's facial recognition software falls under the definition of an alarm system and as defined under Tennessee law. We submit that Mr. Jackson's product, once you hear all of the proof, clearly does not fall into -- under any of the definitions of a --Tennessee's definition of an alarm system, and then to apply those definitions would present a case what we call regulatory mismatch. Regulatory mismatch is a term that refers to any tendency to shoehorn an existing regulatory regime on an emergent technology. And the proof is gonna show that Mr. Jackson's technology is just such a product. The Board is gonna hear facts first from

Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson's gonna tell you a little

to have some kind of a screening mechanism to keep out sexual offenders, what it could do is immediately cross-reference a known database of sexual offenders.

Now, what happens next is important. Once the computer makes a match, what the computer does is it then spits out a text or an electronic notice of some kind to a designated administrator. These matches are not perfect. Mr. Jackson will tell you that. It doesn't even purport to one -- one hundred percent certainty be the person that it purports to be. All it does is provide timely information to a designated user.

What happens next, what that user does with the information is up to that user. That person can go and investigate further, ascertain whether or not these really are the two people that they resemble. And the other thing that it can do is it you -- once you make that inquiry, you can make a determination as to whether or not that person might have a lawful presence on that particular premises. But the system, itself, doesn't make that

determination. It just arms an end user with information. In a sense, it's really no different

24 than wanted posters that you see up in a post office.

25 It just happens a lot more instantaneously.

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bit about himself and his background. Mr. Jackson was a soldier who served with distinction on behalf of his country. And pert- -- most pertinent to -- what the Board's gonna consider here today, one of the tasks that Mr. Jackson as a soldier was regularly tasked with doing was security. In fact, he provided security, including electronic security, for military bases, for embassies. He has been in charge of some of the most lethal weapons in the United States' ars--- arsenal.

Now, as Mr. Jackson was looking to exit the service, he and several of his fellow service members developed a product that is facial recognition software. Now, I am the least technical person in this room. I can give you every assurance of that. I majored in American studies in college, which is probably why I went to law school.

However, conceptually, even I can understand what it is that his product does. His product is facial recognition software. And what it does is it recognizes faces through an existing camera system and that it can match them up with other faces that you customize in any kind of a database. So let me give you an example: If, for instance, you're a school or a daycare and you wanted

And Mr. Jackson's actually gonna put on a demonstration today to show you that this product -- which involves no electrical or mechanical wiring of any kind, it's -- it's simple as plugging in an ethernet cable, like when you plug in your cable box

or your computer. It's not in any shape or form an
alarm system.
And I'm gonna talk a little bit more
about what an alarm system is in just a minute. But

about what an alarm system is in just a minute. But you're also gonna hear the proof of our expert witness, and his name is Mr. John Cerasuolo. He's sitting back here right now. Mr. Cerasuolo is the CEO of one of the largest alarm system companies in the country. He knows alarm systems. He has supervised the installation of countless alarms, both in Tennessee and in other states, that do or do not a have a certification or a license law.

He has seen Mr. Jackson demonstrate the installation of his product. He has inspected the product. And he's gonna testify that his expert witness opinion is that this in no way resembles a Tennessee alarm system.

But he's also gonna give you one other further bit of information. He is gonna testify about what it takes to become a qualified agent or a

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licensed alarm system installer in Tennessee. And he is gonna tell you that that involves both coursework, training, and a mandatory testing regime as, I'm

4 sure, this Board is well familiar with. And he's

5 gonna tell you that based on his expert opinion there

6 is absolutely nothing about the coursework, the 7 training, or the testing that is in any way relevant

8 to Mr. Jackson's product. And because Mr. Jackson

9 chose to serve his country instead of going to 10 college, he does not -- he falls under the 11 requirement that he must have a five-year

requirement that he must have a five-year
apprenticeship before he can install, before -- or
before he can install an alarm system.

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So the effect of characterizing his system as an alarm means that this United States' soldier who has handled, you -- ordnance ammunitions must spend five years doing things like installing burglar alarms, other things that are in no way relevant to the software product that he wishes to distribute.

Now, finally, Your Honor -- or Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board, the Judge is gonna instruct you a little bit on the law, and the central question is gonna be whether or not this meets the definition of an alarm system. There is a specific statutory

a statement about whether or not this person is or is
not allowed there. It just arms the user with
information.

Finally, the other way you can become an alarm system is if you have a sys- -- something that is -- that detects or summons aid for other emergency. And again, detection, summoning aids, this is not a system that provides notification to police officers or firefighters about an exigent emergency. The end user might decide to do nothing with the information whatsoever.

So in the end, none of these definitions fit Mr. Jackson's product. And for that reason, we're gonna ask this Board to make a clear and concise declaration that Mr. Jackson's product is not an alarm system such that requires certification or the licensure from the Board.

This case is important and we appreciate your time. But the reason why this case is important is because it involves Mr. Jackson's right to earn a living. This is Mr. Jackson's American dream. This is his slice of the American pie, and that is one of the most important civil rights that Mr. Jackson has to exercise. And burdening him with this licensure law would not serve the public but it would deny this

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definition of what an alarm system is, and I'm sure you're all familiar with it.

You're gonna hear me use the term element. An element is just a lawyer word meaning here are the components of the definition. You must meet each one of these elements in order to qualify as an alarm system. Think of it as an ingredient in a recipe. You take the chocolate chips out of the cookie recipe and you don't have chocolate chip cookies anymore. So if you take any one of these key elements out, you don't have an alarm system anymore.

There's three ways that you can become an alarm system in Tennessee -- or have an alarm system. The first is that you've got a product that is, number one, designed to record, view, monitor, protect against personal or property loss or injury. And secondarily, that has to result from fire, smoke, heat, burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage, or other losses of that type. Mr. Jackson's product does not meet that characterization.

Another way you can be an alarm system is if you have a system that is mon- -- that monitors, or detects, prevents intrusions. Now, intrusion means an entry designed to effectuate an unlawful act. Mr. Jackson's system in no way makes man entry into the career of his choosing.

2 I thank you for your time.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Thank you, Mr. Boucek. Excuse me. Thank you, Mr. Boucek.

Mr. Huffman, do you want to put an opening statement?

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Mr. Boucek, he explained it 8 very well. What we would like to say is the 9 Department is -- because the Board has not made a

10 final and definitive decision based on that one

11 question that's gonna be asked today, the Department

has no argument. This is not a contested case.They're gonna provide the proof and y'all are gonna

make the decision. The Department has no position as
to whether this is an alarm system or it's not. So
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just keep in mind that they're gonna present theproof and y'all are gonna make the decision.

Thank you.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Thank you, Mr. 20 Huffman.

Okay. Mr. Boucek, you want to call your first witness?

23 MR. BOUCEK: Yes, sir, Your Honor. At 24 this point in time, we would like to call Mr. Adam 25 Jackson to the stand.

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Let me ask
the -- where's he supposed to just be at to -- for
y'all to see him answer questions or --
MR. HUFFMAN: Right over there by
(indicating) --
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Right over there?
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7 Okay.
 8 Okay. Mr. Jackson, I'm gonna swear you
 9 in before you sit down here. Please raise your right

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you.

9 in before you sit down here. Please raise your right
10 hand.
11 (The witness was sworn.)

Have a seat, sir.

Go ahead, Mr. Boucek.

Go ahead, Mr. Boucek.

MR. BOUCEK: Thank you, Your Honor. And
as we begin, we're gonna be offering a number of
exhibits through this witness. We have copies of
these exhibits for each Board Member and the
Department. I just want to be clear on what the

Court's process is in terms of providing those to Mr.
Jackson, providing them to them, and handing them --

certainly before we hand anything to the Board, I

want clarification from the Court that we're okay to

24 do that.25

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: That's fine.

1 and served in 82 Airborne. I did one trip to

2 Afghanistan in -- as a -- as an infantryman. And

3 then in 2007, went to the Special Forces

4 qualification cor- -- or sorry, 2011 went to the

5 Special Forces qualification course where I graduated

6 as a Special Forces communications sergeant.

7 So my roles in that capacity included all the8 normal stuff that comes along with being Special

9 Forces along with everything that a team might use to

10 communicate and then kind of by default all

11 electronic, computer type duties as well.

12 Q. Tell us a little about your personal life.

13 Are you married, do you have children just to get

14 that on the record?

15 A. I'm married. I live in Greenbrier. And I

16 have an 8-week-old and a 2-year-old.

17 Q. So you've recently had a child?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. Congratulations.

20 A. Thank you.

21 Q. Now, tell us your Service record, please.

22 A. So kind of picking back up where I -- where I

23 was, I started -- I went to Fifth Special Forces

24 Group and went to Jordan, Iraq, and Syria in that

25 capacity. While in Jordan, I helped a partner force

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1 Mr. Huffman, do you have any objection to

2 that?

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MR. HUFFMAN: I -- no, there's no

4 objection.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay.

6 MR. BOUCEK: All right. May I begin,

7 Your Honor?

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, sir, go

9 ahead.

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ADAM JACKSON,

13 was called as a witness, and having first been duly

14 sworn, testified as follows:

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 QUESTIONS BY MR. BOUCEK:

18 Q. Go ahead and please state and spell your

19 name.

20 A. Adam Jackson, A-D-A-M, space, J-A-C-K-S-O-N.

21 Q. Mr. Jackson, can you tell us a little bit

22 about your personal background?

23 A. I was originally born in southern Indiana. I

24 enlisted in the Army in 2007 at the age of 19. I

25 initially enlisted to be a -- an airborne infantryman

Page 28 install a secured internet communication system and

2 consulted, had a hand in -- in helping out with

3 electronic security at multiple US installations

4 overseas to include US -- to fix joint bases that we

5 shared with the Jordanians and embassy-type buildings

6 and sites.

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7 Q. Have you provided physical security as well?

8 A. I have. So Jordan by nature was more of a

9 diplomatic mission. But in Afghanistan, Iraq, and

10 Syria, I provided physical security to include convoy

11 security, base security for US installations. I

12 trained partner forces to provide their own security

13 and helped build sites for -- as -- as -- as the US

14 presence in those countries grew, I helped build

15 sites, both US and with partner forces, where we did

16 some electronic security and a lot of physical

17 security.

18 Q. In that capacity, did you -- were you trained

19 to handle military ordnance?

20 A. I was. I was a -- I attended the special

21 operation -- or the joint tactical -- or joint

22 terminal and tact controller course. So I was the

23 guy on my team that would control all the airspace,

24 the planes in the airspace, and the actual dropping

25 of ordnance from planes to ground.

- 1 Q. When you say ordnance, are you talking about
- 2 bombs?
- 3 A. Bombs.
- Q. 4 How long did you serve?
- 5 Just under 10 years. A.
- 6 Q. What -- what is your final rank?
- 7 A. Staff sergeant.
- 8 Q. When did you -- were you released from the
- 9 military?
- 10 A. It would have been March 2017.
- 11 Q. And were you honorably discharged?
- 12 A.
- 13 Q. Now, is some of the work that you did with
- 14 the military, did that involve closed-circuit TV
- systems? 15
- 16 A. It did. So at -- at every site a Special
- 17 Forces team typically deploys as a 12-man element.
- 18 In some places, that's fine. In other places, that
- 19 puts teams at a major disadvantage having such a
- 20 small force. We used force multipliers like
- 21 closed-circuit TV cameras, ground sensors, things of
- that nature. And I was generally responsible for
- 23 installing all those at our installations.
- 24 Q. Did that involve wiring?
- 25 Α. It did.

- Q. What products are you developing? 1
- 2 So we developed a product that basically the
- 3 goal of the company was to make computer vision and
- artificial intelligence available to organizations 4
- 5 that it hadn't been previously available to because
- 6 of budget constraints. So there's all sorts of
- 7 artificial intelligent products that, in my
- estimation, are artificially high in price when they 8
- 9 don't need to be. So we set out to develop out a
- 10 product that my kid -- the end goal was to develop a
- 11 product that my daughter's preschool could use and,
- 12 you know, wouldn't -- wouldn't break their --
- 13 wouldn't break their budget.
- 14 Q. So pricing was an important part of this
- 15 model?
- 16 A. It was. We developed a facial recognition
- 17 system that could integrate into existing CCTV
- 18 cameras that we didn't necessarily need to install
- 19 cameras for as long as they were on some sort of
- 20 local area network that could pull that feed in and
- 21 do an analysis on the video from the existing system.
- 22 When did you realize that you had a unique
- 23 product that was in demand?
- 24 A. So when we started doing internal testing and
- 25 realized that our accuracy levels were on par with

- Q. 1 Did that involve camera work?
- 2 A.
- 3 Q. Are you familiar with a company by the name
- of Edge AI? 4

- 5 A. I am. I started that company. As I was
- 6 leaving the military and preparing for civilian life,
- 7 myself, four -- four soldiers or former soldiers were
- 8 involved in Edge Al. Myself, a guy I served in the
- 82nd with who following his military career went to 10 Carnegie Mellon and got a master's degree in
- 11 robotics, he and I were the main technical employees
- 12 of the company.
- 13 And then we had two business development
- 14 guys: One was a former sergeant major in the 101st
- 15 Airborne division and the COO of Pelican Products
- 16 previously. And another guy that was responsible for
- 17 all -- all product development for SOCOM, so
- 18 everything from the load-bearing equipment that --
- 19 that guys would wear in SOCOM all the way up to
- 20 future weapons, he was responsible for everything
- 21 from seeing how they were designed all the way up to
- 22 fielding.
- 23 Q. So is this you and fellow service members
- 24 then?
- 25 A. It is.

- some of the bigger players in the market, I realized
- that we had something that was -- that could do well
- 3 in the market. And then we did some initial
- 4 approaches with a few schools, mainly private
- schools, daycares, and women's shelters that housed
- victims of the domestic violence and got an
- 7 unbelievably positive response from all the people we
- 8 initially contacted.
- 9 Q. What is the name of your business?
- 10 A. Edge Al.
- Q. What is Edge Al's product designed to do in a 11
- 12 nutshell?
- 13 In a nutshell, it is designed to detect
- 14 either basically somebody that -- that -- it's
- designed to detect a sex offender, or expelled 15
- 16 student, something of that nature, somebody like that
- 17 that's entering a premises and then provide
- 18 notification to an administrator who could make a
- 19 decision based on the information that the system
- 20 provides.
- 21 I would like for you to kind of explain in
- 22 summary form how that works. Would it help if you
- 23 had your diagram?
- 24 A. It would.
- 25 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, may I approach

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1 the witness?

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you can.

3 MR. BOUCEK: I'm handing him what I've 4 marked as Exhibit 1. And this is a diagram of the

5 product. Let me provide copies. And, Your Honor, I

6 could either give this to the Board or we'll move to

7 have it entered first and then we'll ask to hand it

to the Board so they can see what we're talking

9 about.

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10 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Either way is

11 fine. Let's go ahead and enter it as Ex- -- Exhibit

12 1 -- excuse me -- here Exhibit 1. And that would be

13 the -- what is this exactly, the diagram?

14 MR. HARBIN: Yes, sir.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. This is the

16 Edge AI FR installation diagram.

(WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document

was marked as Exhibit Number 1.) 18

19 BY MR. BOUCEK:

20 All right. Can you walk us through this

21 diagram and explain to us how the system works?

22 A. Yeah. So starting with the document labeled

23 Edge AI FR installation, basically, what this

24 document is meant to represent is how cameras -- so

25 for -- for the Members of the Board that are -- are everything on both pages.

2 Very good. Now, have you set up a

demonstration of your product in the courtroom today?

A. I have in the back corner.

MR. BOUCEK: Well, with the Court's

6 permission, I'd like him to just briefly demonstrate

7 to the Board exactly how this production functions.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Can the Board see 8 9 from here or do we need to move?

10 MR. BOUCEK: The Board does not need to

move. I think we're -- if we can -- he could walk 11

12 over here, I think he can demonstrate it.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Any

14 objection, Mr. Huffman?

MR. HUFFMAN: No, sir.

16 MS. VEST: Mr. Jackson, do we need to

17 move so the Board can see?

18 THE WITNESS: I -- prob- -- probably.

19 MS. VEST: Okay. Excuse us. We'll move.

20 BY MR. BOUCEK:

21 Q. And, Mr. Jackson, as you're demonstrating how

22 the product works, can you also show the wires that

23 we see there and explain to those -- how those are

24 those installed and the function of those wires?

25 A. So I apologize for the -- the kind of

active alarm company administrators, this will make a

2 little bit more sense.

3 But basically, this was meant to show cameras 4 installed in a building that exists on a local area

5 network and how those cameras interact with either a

6 DVR, a video server, or just WiFi to a smart, an --

to a -- to another WiFi-enabled device with a screen 7 8

for viewing.

Our system's pretty agnostic. It really doesn't care how the cameras are installed or what

11 the mode is that they're transmitted to the -- the

12 end user. We can integrate with almost any existing

13 system. And basically what it shows is how our

14 system pulls that feed in, analyzes the video and

15 then sends an alert to an administrator. That alert

16 typically takes the form of a picture of the known 17 offender and a picture of the person that's on your

18 premises. Because again, no technology is -- is --

is perfect or infallible so we leave that to the 19

20 administrator to make the final decision about what

21 action should be taken.

22 All right. And then does that -- are -- are

23 you -- have you gone through both pages here? Are we

24 clear here?

25 A. (Reviews document.) I think we hit

thrown-together demonstration. But basically, the --1

2 the concept is this -- everything that you see here

3 is -- is things that would already exist in a

4 building, whether it -- this camera just represents 5

the camera system in that building. That could be a 6 POE system going to a DVR or a smart camera that's

7 going straight to -- to a cloud device. Again, our

8 system really doesn't care. 9

MS. VEST: I'm sorry --

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Just one second

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MS. VEST: -- but there's not -- excuse

13 me, I'm sorry. But there's not a microphone over

14 here so we will need Mr. Jackson to speak up.

THE WITNESS: Okav.

16 MR. BOUCEK: So either speak up --

MS. VEST: That's --

MR. BOUCEK: -- or it might be helpful if

19 you would approach the microphone as much as you can 20 while you're speaking.

21 MS. VEST: Thank you.

THE WITNESS: So the -- the -- the stuff

23 on the back of the table is meant to represent things

24 that would already be in the building: The camera

25 system, the networking system that already exist --

already exists in any building that we may be doing 1 2 an installation in. This laptop represents our --3 the -- the medium that our software exists on. This 4 can be a video server or it can just be a laptop in a 5 mobile format.

The only connection that we require is one ethernet connection from our server or -- or whatever -- or whatever the medium is that we're employing our software from. We basically want an ethernet cable to an access point that is on a local 11 area network.

Once that connection has been made, a technician would enter the IP address or the RTSP 14 feed address of the cameras that exist on the network.

16 I'm not sure if you guys can make that 17 out. That's basically the management application. 18 It's just a series of radio buttons that allow the 19 user to decide whether they want to use WiFi camera 20 or an existing DVR camera or some other medium.

21 So the system takes about 45 seconds to a 22 minute to boot up and then I'll step in front of the 23 camera and demonstrate what happens when a match 24 occurs. So as you -- so you can see on the screen 25 the match. It's almost instantaneous when it's

MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, I'm gonna hand 1

2 the witness an item I'm gonna ask him a question

3 about here. I've handed Mr. Jackson an item

4 marked as -- for identification purposes -- Exhibit

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6 BY MR. BOUCEK:

7 Q. Mr. Jackson, do you recognize that item?

8 A.

9 Q. What is it?

10 A. It's a tabletop demonstration of how to

11 install and set up the system I just demonstrated.

12 O. How do you recognize that?

13 A. My initials and date on the front of the CD.

And you've watched the contents? 14 Q.

15 Α. I have.

Is the item what it purports to be? 16 Q.

17 A. It is. It is --

And is it essentially just a video for the 18 Q.

record of the demonstration that you've just put on? 19

20 It is. A.

21 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we'll move to

22 enter it at this point in time.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Any objection, Mr.

24 Huffman?

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MR. HUFFMAN: No objection.

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displayed locally just on a -- on -- on a laptop

2 screen locally. In about 10 seconds, I should get a

3 text message. Can I -- can I approach?

BY MR. BOUCEK: 4

5 Q. Do you have the -- have you gotten the text?

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7 MR. BOUCEK: With the Court's permission, 8 may he show this display to the Board Members so they 9 can see it?

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: That's fine.

11 THE WITNESS: So this is the text message 12 that the administrator would receive. It basically 13 just shows the person and where they were seen. So 14 that's me in the building, obviously. That's the 15 known picture of me. And then that's the location 16 and the time that I was seen.

Do the Board Members or -- or Mr. Huffman 17 18 have any questions regarding the demonstration?

BY MR. BOUCEK: 19

20 Well, we'll -- we'll take that separately. Q.

21 Do you have any further things to make about your

22 demonstration?

23 A. I don't.

24 Q. Okay. I think you can resume your place in

25 the witness box.

Page 40 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. That'll be

2 marked as Exhibit 2, the demonstration CD.

MR. BOUCEK: And just for the Board

4 Members' understanding, we don't intend on showing

5 you that video since it's what you just saw. We're

6 just trying to make a record in case there's further

7 review.

(WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned item was 8

9 marked as Exhibit Number 2.)

10 BY MR. BOUCEK:

11 All right. You -- you've talked about this a

12 little bit but we do see the wires that run out

there. What sort of wires are those? 13

14 So those are our normal either Cat 5, Cat 5E,

15 or Cat 6 ethernet cables; exactly the same as would

16 be plugged into a normal computer connecting to the

internet. 17

18 Q. So is there any internal building wiring that

19 comes with that?

20 There's not. We can actually plug our system

directly into a wall jack that's connected to the 21

22 local area network.

23 Is it possible to install that in such a way

24 that it would cause any kind of a public hazard, like

fire? 25

- 1 A. It's not. The -- the cable that we use is
- 2 not powered over ethernet, no electricity's
- 3 transmitted. It's strictly a data cable.
- 4 Q. How common are ethernet cables in everyday
- 5 life?
- 6 A. There's prob- -- there's probably about 10
- 7 miles of ethernet cable in this building. The --
- 8 pretty much every building you go into has some form
- 9 of a ethernet cable.
- 10 Q. How common is it in your average everyday
- 11 household?
- 12 A. Almost every household has an ethernet cable
- 13 going from at least the modem in their house to the
- 14 router.
- 15 Q. So that's how we get on the internet?
- 16 A. It is.
- 17 Q. What about, say, cable TV?
- 18 A. Cable TV does occasionally use ethernet.
- 19 Typically it uses coaxial cable which transmits the
- 20 exact same type of signal as an ethernet cable, just
- 21 a diff- -- different digital standard.
- 22 Q. So if you have a son that's professionally
- 23 playing Fortnite on the PlayStation, is that
- 24 something that comes through ethernet?
- 25 A. I -- you -- some occasionally, yes.

- 1 be helpful if you're able to point out spots where
- 2 cameras should go?
- 3 A. Yes. Ideally, we have a partnership with
- 4 some CCTV installer and let them have -- or give them
- 5 an understanding of how our system works and develop
- 6 a relationship where we'd let them know or -- or they
- 7 would just know from knowledge of our system the best
- 8 placing of the cameras.
- 9 Q. So would that involve you going onsite and
- 10 making recommendations about where a camera could go?
- 11 A. Ideally, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. So there's a third version of this
- 13 where you would not be installing cameras but you
- 14 might be making recommendations about where cameras
- 15 should ideally go?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Very good. Now, the database that uses --
- 18 what can you tell us about the database?
- 19 A. So the database can be really anything
- 20 that -- that our customer or client could imagine.
- 21 Our initial application was going to be sex offenders
- 22 and expelled students, but we could pretty much
- 23 customize the database to anything our -- our
- 24 customer or client wanted.
- 25 Q. What can you tell us about the notification

- 1 Q. All right. Now, the system works through
- 2 existing closed-circuit TV systems; is that right?
- 3 A. It does. The -- we -- we realized that it --
- 4 yeah, it -- it works through existing -- you know, in
- 5 almost all cases, we can integrate it to the existing
- 6 cameras in a building.
- 7 Q. So do you need to install closed-circuit TV
- 8 to make this system to work?
- 9 A. We do not typically need to install it. And
- 10 if we -- if we did need an extra camera added, we
- 11 would just con- -- let the building or the -- the
- 12 school that we're working with know that and have
- 13 them go out and get a qualified installer.
- 14 Q. Now, could you technically install the
- 15 camera? Do you have that ability?
- 16 A. I do.
- 17 Q. So we have the scenario where you're not
- 18 installing a camera; then we have another scenario
- 19 where you would be installing a camera, but you're
- 20 telling us today that the model that you're
- 21 presenting to the Board is that you're not going to
- 22 be installing cameras, do I understand correctly?
- 23 A. That's correct, we have no intention of
- 24 installing cameras.
- 25 Q. Now, you have also related that -- would it

- 1 system and what sort of data it relays?
- 2 A. So the notification system, again, can --
- 3 it's -- it's highly customizable. We can do an
- 4 onscreen alert to somebody sitting behind a monitor.
- 5 We can do an e-mail. We can do a text message. The
- 6 purpose of the notification really is just to give
- 7 information to either an administrator or somebody in
- 8 a -- in a position -- someone -- someone locally at
- 9 the school to -- to go and figure out what exactly is
- 10 going on.
- 11 Q. How reliable are the matches?
- 12 A. I mean, we -- we believe the matches are --
- 13 are very reliable, but, you know, very reliable in
- 14 the artificial intelligence world right now is about
- 15 90 percent.
- 16 Q. Okay. So it's not a perfect match?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. Do you represent when you tell customers
- 19 about this product that you are telling them when
- 20 they get a notice that this is for sure that person?
- 21 A. We -- we do not tell our customers that.
- 22 Q. What do you tell them the notice represents?
- 23 A. The notice represents a situation that 24 somebody should -- basically, we tell our cus
- somebody should -- basically, we tell our customers
 that we provide the best information that -- that

- 1 we -- that -- that we believe technology's able to
- 2 provide right now but they need to go verify the
- 3 information before they take any further action with
- 4 it.
- 5 Q. Now, even when you say verification, that
- 6 means, number one, that they ascertain that this is,
- 7 in fact, the person that the system says it might be;
- 8 is that right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. But even if it is that person, are there some
- 11 scenarios where even, say, a sex offender might not
- 12 be, per se, excluded from the school?
- 13 A. That's correct. There are about a dozen
- 14 exceptions to the law that allows sex offenders to
- 15 enter pretty much any school with -- with very few
- 16 caveats.
- 17 Q. Do you let your clients know that?
- 18 A. We do.
- 19 Q. So in sum, this is not a system telling them
- 20 that this is a person that cannot for sure enter
- 21 here; is that right?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. Now, where are some of the places that you
- 24 envision the application of this technology?
- 25 A. Schools, preschools, daycares, in a small

- 1 Q. Now, can you give the Board a sense as to how
- 2 much one of those contracts is worth?
- 3 A. So to -- to initially start out, our smallest
- 4 package would be between 15- and \$2500 for the
- 5 initial installation and then \$150 a month per camera
- 6 after that. Obviously, there'd be some model where
- 7 we'd scale the price down as the number of cameras
- 8 went up.
- 9 Q. Did --
- 10 A. But -- sorry, sorry, go ahead. I mean, a
- 11 school may have 250 cameras so some of these
- 12 contracts could be very lucrative.
- 13 Q. Did you and -- discuss pricing with a private
- 14 school in Nashville that came to a specific number?
- 15 A. We never came to a specific number but we did
- 16 discuss our pricing model and they did -- it didn't
- 17 seem to deter them at all.
- 18 Q. And how much was that?
- 19 A. I mean, \$150 per camera.
- 20 Q. And what would that total per month?
- 21 A. So I think somewhere between 25- or \$35,000 a
- 22 month.
- 23 Q. That's a month?
- 24 A. It is.
- 25 Q. And that's one contract?

- niche market in battered women shelters, and with
- 2 victims of domestic violence and the like.
- 3 Q. Have you had contact with some of those
- 4 businesses?
- 5 A. We have.
- 6 Q. And do those businesses indicate that they
- 7 were enthusiastic about your product?
- 8 A. We -- we got a great reception from pretty
- 9 much everybody we talked to.
- 10 Q. What can you tell us about how competitive
- 11 your pricing was to other facial recognition
- 12 products?
- 13 A. So other facial recognition products right
- 14 now just -- or -- or until very recently have -- have
- 15 just been out of the -- out of the range of most
- 16 schools, and preschools, and organizations like that.
- 17 Because we came in -- because our -- we built our
- 18 product a round price, we were able to -- I don't --
- 19 we -- we would be able to go after customers that --
- 20 like schools and -- and got a great response from the
- 21 schools that we initially approached.
- 22 Q. Were there, in fact, Nashville area private
- 23 schools that talked to you about purchasing your
- 24 product and letting you beta test?
- 25 A. There were.

- 1 A. It is.
- 2 Q. Have you also discussed donating this product
- 3 with some worthy causes?
- 4 A. We did. We talked about donating it to a
- 5 synagogue in southern Nashville and a couple of
- 6 battered women shelters. Based on the law and the
- 7 way it's written and my previous appearance to the
- 8 Board, I thought we might run into -- I thought we
- 9 would -- would run into issues if we did donate it.
- 10 Q. Well, we'll talk about that more in just a
- 11 little bit. But are you familiar with a person by
- 12 the name of Jason Beddoe?
- 13 A. I am.
- 14 Q. Who is he?
- 15 A. Jason Beddoe is a director of security at a
- 16 private school in Nashville. He was also a police
- 17 officer for 30 years and a outside security
- 18 consultant.
- 19 Q. Did he express an interest in using your
- 20 product at the school at which he works?
- 21 A. He did.
- 22 MR. BOUCEK: May I approach the witness,
- 23 Your Honor?
- 24 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 25 MR. BOUCEK: I'm passing up a declaration

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- 1 of Jason Beddoe. This has previously been marked as
- 2 Exhibit 3.
- 3 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 4 Q. Do you recognize that declaration, Mr.
- 5 Jackson?
- 6 A. I do.
- 7 Q. Is that a --
- 8 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Hold on a second.
- 9 Do we have one for the folks for the Board also?
- 10 MR. BOUCEK: I -- I was gonna move to
- 11 enter it first but --
- 12 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay.
- 13 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 14 Q. Is that an authenticate copy of his
- 15 declaration?
- 16 A. It is.
- 17 MR. BOUCEK: We'll move to enter that
- 18 into evidence, Your Honor.
- 19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Be marked
- 20 as Exhibit 3.
- 21 MR. BOUCEK: And may we please hand
- 22 copies to the Board?
- 23 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, go ahead.
- 24 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 25 was marked as Exhibit Number 3.)

- 1 A. lam.
- 2 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, may I approach
- 3 the witness?
- 4 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 5 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 6 Q. I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 7 4. This is the declaration of Mr. Clark. Is that a
- 8 true and authenticate copy of Mr. Clark's
- 9 declaration?
- 10 A. It is.
- 11 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we'll move to
- 12 enter it into evidence at this point in time and hand
- 13 the Board a copy.
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Marked as Exhibit
- 15 4.
- 16 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 17 was marked as Exhibit Number 4.)
- 18 THE BOARD: (Reviews document.)
- 19 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 20 Q. All right. While they're finishing up, can
- 21 you tell us who Mr. Clark is?
- 22 A. Donald Clark was a member of the US Secret
- 23 Service by -- for, I believe, between 20 and 30
- 24 years. He was a member of the Secret Service
 - 5 presidential detail. And he's now in the middle of
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- 1 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 2 Q. All right. Now, I believe you testified that
- 3 Mr. Beddoe is a security director at an independent
- 4 school in Nashville.
- 5 A. He is.
- 6 Q. Why does he want your product?
- 7 A. He believes that it would provide information
- 8 that would be valuable and timely in -- in his
- 9 security efforts.
- 10 Q. Is there a particular reason why he thinks
- 11 your product has special relevance for schools at
- 12 this moment?
- 13 A. Yes. Because of the -- the school shootings,
- 14 he likes the idea of being able to add expelled
- 15 students to a database to prevent incidents
- 16 specifically like the one in Florida.
- 17 Q. Has he expressed a desire to use the product
- 18 if allowed to do so?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And why hasn't he done so yet?
- 21 A. Because he's -- it was my -- it was my
- 22 understanding that we -- we were not able to sell the
- 23 product when I left here after my last appearance.
- 24 Q. Are you familiar with a person by the name of
- 25 Donald J. Clark?

- 1 starting a security company that does security
- 2 consultations for high profile individuals and
- 3 events.
- 4 Q. Have you had conversations with him about
- 5 utilization of your product?
- 6 A. I have.
- 7 Q. What has he told you about your product?
- 8 A. He's pretty excited for the product to be
- 9 made available.
- 10 Q. And how have recent events influenced his
- 11 desire to use your product?
- 12 A. Just given the current state of the world
- 13 with mass shootings and -- and similar things, you
- 14 know, I -- I think it -- it bolsters the position of
- 15 our product with him.
- 16 Q. Has he told you whether or not he is
- 17 concerned with whether or not you had a certification
- 18 before installing your product?
- 19 A. I -- I've -- through the process of
- 20 discussing the product, Mr. Clark and I have had
- 21 several conversations and I don't think he cares
- 22 whether I have certification or not.
- 23 Q. Why is he not currently using your product?
- 24 A. Because -- because we haven't been able to do
- 25 sufficient beta testing and -- in the state of

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- 1 Tennessee.
- 2 Q. How concerned is he about whether or not it
- 3 would be legal for him to use the product?
- 4 A. Not really at all.
- 5 Q. Now, are you familiar with a person by the
- 6 name of Daniel Horwitz?
- 7 A. Iam.
- 8 Q. Who is Mr. Daniel Horwitz?
- 9 A. Daniel Horwitz is an -- is a attorney in
- 10 Nashville who belongs to the synagogue in southern
- 11 Nashville.
- 12 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, may I approach
- 13 the witness?
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- MR. BOUCEK: I'll be handing the witness
- 16 what we've marked as Exhibit 5. It's the affidavit
- 17 of Daniel Horwitz.
- 18 MR. HARBIN: Give this to the Board?
- 19 MR. BOUCEK: Oh, I'm sorry. Have we
- 20 moved to enter this into evidence yet?
- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Not yet.
- 22 MR. BOUCEK: I apologize. We'll move to
- 23 enter it into evidence at this time.
- 24 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: It's marked as
- 25 Exhibit 6 (sic).

- 1 alarm system or not.
- 2 Q. Just to recap, we have heard about specific
- 3 applications from a school, a security company, and
- 4 now a religious synagogue; is that right?
- 5 A. It is. It is.
- 6 Q. Are you familiar with a person by the name of
- 7 Michael G. McGrath?
- 8 A. Iam.
- 9 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, may I approach
- 10 the witness at this time?
- 11 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 12 MR. BOUCEK: I'm handing him what we've
- 13 marked as Exhibit 6. This is a declaration of
- 14 Michael G. McGrath.
- 15 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 16 Q. Mr. Jackson, is that Mr. Jackson's -- or
- 17 excuse me -- Mr. McGrath's declaration?
- 18 A. It is.
- 19 MR. BOUCEK: We'll move to enter it into
- 20 evidence at this point in time.
- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Marked as Exhibit
- 22 6.

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- 23 MR. BOUCEK: May we hand copies to the
- 24 Board.
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.

- 1 MR. BOUCEK: And with the Court's
- 2 permission, may we hand copies to the Board?
- 3 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 4 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 5 was marked as Exhibit Number 5.)
- 6 THE BOARD: (Reviews document.)
- 7 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 8 Q. Why does Mr. Horwitz wish to use your
- 9 product?
- 10 A. Given the events in Charlottesville and other
- 11 similar events, he feels there is a heightened
- 12 security risk at the temple synagogue which he
- 13 attends.
- 14 Q. Have you familiarized him with the
- 15 capabilities of your product?
- 16 A. I have. He has seen a -- a demonstration.
- 17 We've had in-depth talks about the capabilities
- 18 and -- and limits.
- 19 Q. Has he expressed excitement and willingness
- 20 to use your product?
- 21 A. He has.
- 22 Q. Why is he not currently using your product on
- 23 behalf of the temple?
- 24 A. Because we don't have certification and there
- 25 was some ambiguity about whether or not we were an

- Page 56 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 2 was marked as Exhibit Number 6.)
- 3 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 4 Q. Now, before we go into the substance of this
- 5 one, what have you been doing since you can't make
- 6 money off your present business? How have you been
- 7 supporting your family?
- 8 A. I've been helping traveling music tours
- 9 develop security policies and doing some technical --
- 10 some technical assistance for artists in Nashville.
- 11 Q. Are these big name artists?
- 12 A. They are.
- 13 Q. Hobnobbing with the rich and famous then?
- 14 A. I don't know about that.
- 15 Q. Who's Mr. McGrath? What does he do?
- 16 A. Mike McGrath is probably the most successful
- 17 security director in -- in the country music world
- 18 right now. If you listen to two songs on the radio,
- 19 Mike probably represents one of them as their
- 20 security director.
- 21 Q. Who are some of the past artists that he has
- 22 provided security for?
- 23 A. I believe there are NDAs on those that he's
- 24 never...
- 25 Q. Why don't you look at paragraph 3 there?

A. Oh. Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts, and Reba 1

2 McEntire.

3 MR. BOUCEK: Okay. We'll give the Board

4 Members a chance to review the declaration here.

5 THE BOARD: (Reviews document.)

6 BY MR. BOUCEK:

7 Q. Are you personally familiar with Mr. McGrath?

8 A.

9 Q. How long have you known him?

10 A. About just under a year.

11 Q. Have you demonstrated to him your product?

12 A. I have.

13 Q. Has he expressed a desire to use your

14 product?

15 A. Yes

16 How have recent events influenced his desire

17 to use your product?

18 A. Just with the availability of information

19 about artists on the internet, his -- he's had two

20 clients that were approached within arm's length of

21 a -- by stalkers. And obviously, the shootings in

22 Las Vegas, and France, and the bombing in England has

23 piqued his interest.

24 Does he have a personal narrative with regard

to the shootings in Las Vegas? 25

1 CCTV cameras to the tour and train an individual to

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2 use it and have them implement the technology.

3 All right. Do you know a person by the name

4 of the Jake LaGrone?

5 A. I do.

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Q. Who is he? 6

7 Jake LaGrone is Jason Aldean's tour manager.

MR. BOUCEK: May I approach the witness,

9 Your Honor?

10 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.

BY MR. BOUCEK: 11

12 I'm handing you what we've marked as Exhibit

13 Number 7. This is the declaration of Jake LaGrone.

14 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we'll move to

15 enter into evidence at this point in time.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: It's marked as 16

17 Exhibit 7.

18 MR. BOUCEK: And may we hand out copies

for the Board? 19

20 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.

21 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document

22 was marked as Exhibit Number 7.)

23 THE BOARD: (Reviews document.)

24 BY MR. BOUCEK:

25 Okay. Mr. Jackson, do you have a

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A. He -- he had several friends that were

2 present during that shooting.

3 Q. How has that influenced his desire to

4 strengthen the security --

5 I -- I think it's really reinvigorated him

6 and the security industry as a whole.

7 Q. Would he use your product if he could?

A. 8 I believe so.

9 Q. How concerned is he about your being

10 unlicensed?

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11 As far as technical ability, he's not. As

12 far as running into regulatory issues, he is.

Q. 13 And why has he not then utilized your

14 product?

15 A. He just doesn't want a tour to run into a

16 regulatory issue of using an unlicensed contractor.

17 Do you have the ability -- like, if you go to

a concert venue, even an outdoor concert venue, do 18

19 you have the ability to make your technology

20 miniaturized and use it in those sorts of forms?

21 A.

22 Q. Can you explain a little bit about that?

23 A. I mean, just our ability to integrate into

24 existing CCTV cameras, we -- we can basically hand a

25 computer capable of pulling in feeds from existing

relationship with Mr. LaGrone? 1

2 A. I do.

3 Q. Is he familiar with your product?

4 A.

What has he told you about his willingness to 5

6 use your product?

7 He -- he would absolutely use the product. A.

Q. 8 Why would he find useful application of your

9 product?

10 Jake, as stated, is Jason Aldean's tour

manager. When the shooting started in Vegas, he ran 11

12 to the bus with his wife and an infant that happened

13 to be near the stage and -- and was on a bus that

14 took rounds during the actual shooting. So of

15 everybody in the industry right now, I think Jake

16 probably takes security as seriously, if not more seriously, than -- than -- than anybody else.

18 How would your product assist him in

19 strengthening his security needs?

20 I mean, there -- there's the -- there's all

21 the potential that we could identify a dangerous

22 criminal through databases. The other -- the other 23

use would be developing blacklists for artists like 24 Jason who are, you know, known stalkers or people

that have caused issues at his shows in the past and 25

- 1 identifying them early.
- 2 Q. Why is he not currently using your product?
- 3 A. The ambiguity as far as the licensing issue4 goes.
- 5 Q. How concerned is he about your ability to
- 6 install and use the product given the fact that you
- 7 do not have a qualified agent certification?
- 8 A. I mean, as far as, you know, again, my
- 9 technical ability, I don't think he has any doubts.
- 10 It's more of running into regulatory issues for the
- 11 tour.
- 12 Q. All right. Now, changing subject matters a
- 13 little bit. But before I do, I just want to
- 14 summarize, you now have demonstrated there is
- 15 interests from schools, security companies, places of
- 16 worships, and security directors for major artists;
- 17 all of whom are interested in utilizing your product
- 18 despite the fact that you don't have a certification?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. All right. Now, you said that the reason why
- 21 you have not distributed the product and that they're
- 22 not using it is because of regulatory issues. Let's
- 23 talk about that just briefly just to -- to establish
- 24 a record on it. Are you familiar -- have you been
- 25 before the Board before?

- 1 transcript?
 - 2 A. It is.
 - 3 MR. BOUCEK: We'll move to enter it into
 - 4 evidence.
 - 5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: It's marked as
 - 6 Exhibit 8.
 - 7 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
 - 8 was marked as Exhibit Number 8.)
 - 9 MR. BOUCEK: Well, with the Court's
- 10 permission, we'll hand out copies to the Board.
- 11 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Go ahead.
- 12 MR. HARBIN: I'm sorry.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's okay. Thank
- 14 you.
- 15 MR. COCKROFT: Thank you.
- 16 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 17 Q. All right. When you went to this hearing,
- 18 did you describe the product much the same way you've
- 19 related it here today?
- 20 A. I did. I did.
- 21 Q. Did anyone there tell you whether or not you
- 22 needed to get a license?
- 23 A. I was told by Ashley Thomas that it was -- I
- 24 believe on page 87 that I -- I was -- she -- I
 - believe the exact quote was: To clarify, it's the

- 1 A. I have.
- 2 Q. Were you before this board on June 22nd,
- 3 2017?
- 4 A. I was.
- 5 Q. Okay. And why did you go?
- 6 A. Out of an abundance of caution, I didn't want
- 7 to run into regulatory issues later so I came for
- 8 clarification from the Board.
- 9 Q. All right. Was that here and recorded and
- 10 transcribed?
- 11 A. It was.
- 12 Q. Have you reviewed copies of that transcript?
- 13 A. I have.
- 14 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, may I approach
- 15 the witness?

- ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 17 MR. BOUCEK: I'm handing him a -- what's
- 18 to be marked as Exhibit 6. This is a transport of
- 19 the June 22nd hearing.
- 20 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: I think it'll be
- 21 Exhibit 8, I believe --
- 22 MR. BOUCEK: Oh, excuse me. Did I say 6?
- 23 My mistake. It's marked as 8.
- 24 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 25 Q. All right. Is that a copy of that

- 1 Board's opinion that you are an alarm system.
- 2 Q. All right. Do you -- you might as well just
- 3 go to page 87.
- 4 A. And in short, just to clarify the Board's
- 5 decision, it is that you -- your system does meet the
- 6 definition of alarm system and that you'll require a
- 7 licensure.
- 8 Q. Okay. What did you take that to mean?
- 9 A. That my system was -- did meet the minimum
- 10 criteria to be an alarm system; that I required
- 11 licensure.
- 12 Q. So that means that in your opinion you could
- 13 not distribute the product because you did not have a
- 14 license?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- MR. HUFFMAN: Your Honor, we're gonna object to the relevancy of this because Ashley Thomas
- 18 is not a board member. It's a -- and -- and also.
- 19 the evidence is about the system today, not what
- 20 happened in June of 2017.
- 21 MR. BOUCEK: If I may, Your Honor, at
- 22 this point in time, we're not wishing to litigate
- 23 what happened at the Board. We're really just trying
- 24 to establish a narrative. I mean, we're trying to
- 25 explain how we got to where we are today. And the

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- 1 fact of the matter is he was told that; he walked out
- 2 of that with that impression, and we're just trying
- 3 to get the Board up to speed as to how we got here.
- 4 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Well,
- 5 listen, let's go ahead and move on here. I'm -- I'm
- 6 gonna sustain the objection here. But I'd also --
- 7 the Board can ask questions if they -- if there's --
- 8 need some clarification about what happened in the --
- 9 MR. BOUCEK: Sure.
- 10 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: -- June hearing
- 11 here so let's just go ahead and move on.
- 12 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 13 Q. Now, when you were at that hearing, did you
- 14 relate that you would not be installing cameras?
- 15 A. I did.
- 16 Q. How did that affect the characterization of
- 17 your system?
- 18 A. I -- in the Board's opinion that, I think,
- 19 they -- the implication was that I still required
- 20 licensure.
- 21 Q. Did you tell them you might just do
- 22 recommendations saying that we sure could use a
- 23 camera here, things of that sort?
- 24 A. I did.
- 25 Q. How did that affect the characterization of

- 1 A. Because I don't have a college degree.
- 2 Q. And what sort of training and experience
- 3 would you need to get during those five years?
- 4 A. So I mean, any -- any alarm experience: Door

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- 5 sensors, window sensors, installing burglar alarms.
- 6 I believe in some cases, fire alarm systems.
- 7 Q. In what way is that similar to your product?
- 8 A. I don't believe it is -- it is at all.
- 9 Q. What would the cost be for you to become
- 10 licensed or to get your company licensed and you to
- 11 become a QA?
- 12 A. Just looking at the statute, I believe
- 13 conservatively somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2500
- 14 if you include courses and application fees.
- 15 Q. Did you consider some of the statutory or
- 16 regulatory exceptions that would allow you to install
- 17 even if you had what was categorized as alarm system?
- 18 A. We did.
- 19 Q. Did you meet any of those exceptions?
- 20 A. We did not.
- 21 Q. One of those exceptions is for a company that
- 22 does not provide monitoring services and has
- 23 \$50 million or more in annual sale and whose product
- 24 requires no internal wiring to install. Did you
- 25 consider that exception?

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- your system as an alarm system?
- 2 A. I did not seem to -- to sway their opinion.
- 3 Q. Do you have the ability to install cameras?
- 4 A. I do.

- 5 Q. Do you have the expertise to make
- 6 recommendations about how installation of cameras
- 7 would make your product function better?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. Would you be interested in making
- 10 recommendations part of your products and services?
- 11 A. I would.
- 12 Q. All right. Now, as a result of that hearing,
- 13 did you get a license?
- 14 A. I did not. And the reason we didn't pursue
- 15 licensure is that nobody in our company met the
- 16 minimum requirements that allow in the law for
- 17 licensure.
- 18 Q. What would it take for you to become a
- 19 qualified agent such that you could install the
- 20 product?
- 21 A. For me specifically, it would take five years
- 22 of alarm work. Or the other technical guy in our
- 23 company, it would take two years of alarm work
- 24 because he holds a master's agree.
- 25 Q. Why would it take you five years?

- 1 A. We did.
- 2 Q. Do you have any internal wiring?
- 3 A. We do not.
- 4 Q. What about your revenue stream?
- 5 A. It's not \$50 million.
- 6 Q. So why did you not think that you could
- 7 invoke this exception?
- 8 A. Solely because we don't have 50 million a
- 9 year in revenue.
- 10 Q. So if your business was big enough, then you
- 11 could do everything you want to do without meeting a
- 12 qualification?
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 Q. There's an exception for the monitoring and
- 15 minor maintenance of alarm systems by a hospital or
- 16 an affiliate of a hospital solely for its on use.
- 17 Did you consider whether or not you could invoke that
- 18 exception?
- 19 A. We did.
- 20 Q. And what did you conclude?
- 21 A. Because we weren't affiliated with a
- 22 hospital, it doesn't apply.
- 23 Q. Are you aware of any reason why a hospital
- 24 falling under this exception can install this product
- 25 better or more safely, than you?

- 1 A. I am not.
- 2 Q. With -- returning to the first exception,
- 3 I -- I wanted to ask you: Are you aware of any
- 4 reason why a company that does \$50 million in sales
- 5 and falls under this exception can install your
- product better or more safely than you? 6
- 7 Α. I am not.
- 8 One of the exceptions is for the sale or
- 9 installation of delayed egress locks by a company
- when the locks are used to detect and monitor the
- 11 wandering of residents of a nursing home. Did you
- 12 consider whether or not you falled (sic) under that
- 13 exception?
- 14 A. We did.
- 15 Q. And why not?
- 16 A. We don't because we're not associated with a
- 17 nursing home.
- 18 Is there any reason why a business falling
- under that exception would be better or more safely 19
- able to install your product than you? 20
- 21 Not to my knowledge.
- 22 Q. One exception is for telemarketers who don't
- 23 have access to confidential information regarding an
- existing or proposed alarm system and are not subject
- 25 to regulation under these rules. Did you consider

- 1 A. We did.
- 2 And why did you not think that you could
- 3 invoke that exception?
- 4 A. Because we don't deal with traffic signals.
- 5 Q. Are you aware of any reason why a company
- 6 falling under this exception can install this
- 7 product -- your product better or more safely than
- 8 vou?
- 9 A. I am not.
- Q. 10 Finally, an electrical, mechanical, or HVAC
- 11 contractor who is otherwise licensed under Chapter 6
- 12 who do direct sales, monitoring and installation of
- 13 maintenance services for alarm systems but derive
- 14 less than 50 percent of their gross annual revenue
- 15 from that business, that is another exception. Did
- you consider whether or not you would fall under that 16
- 17 exception?
- 18 A. We did.
- 19 Q. Do you fall under that exception?
- 20 A. We do not.
- 21 Q. Are you aware -- why do you not fall under
- 22 that exception?
- 23 A. Because we don't do HVAC work.
- 24 O What about the gross annual revenue
- 25 component?

- whether or not you fell under that exception? 1
- 2 A.
- 3 Q. And why do you not fall under that exception?
- 4 A. We don't have a telemarketing part of our
- 5 company.
- 6 Q. Are you aware of any reason why a company
- 7 falling under this exception can install your product
- 8 better or more safely than you?
- 9 A. I am not.
- 10 Q. One of the exceptions is for the manufacture
- 11 and sale of mobile homes which do contain an alarm
- 12 system. Did you consider whether or not you meet
- that exception? 13
- 14 A. We did?
- 15 Q. And what did you conclude?
- 16 Because we install in permanent structures.
- it didn't apply to us. 17
- 18 Are you aware of any reason why a company
- 19 falling under this exception can install this pro---
- your product better or more safely than you? 20
- 21 A.
- 22 Q. A red light violation monitoring system can't
- 23 operate without a license either. That is another
- 24 exception. Did you consider whether or not you had
- 25 any ability to invoke that exception?

- A. We'd have to figure out a way to generate 50 1
- 2 percent of our revenue from something else.
- 3 Okay. So you'd have to make less than half
- 4 of your revenue from your product; is that correct?
- 5 That is correct.
- Q. 6 Are you aware of any reason why a company
- 7 falling under this exception can install your product
- better or more safely than you? 8
- 9 A. I am not.
- 10 What penalties would you face if you
- distributed your product without a certification were 11
- 12 you determined to have an alarm system?
- 1- to \$5,000 fine, and I believe up to six 13 A.
- 14 months in prison.
- 15 is that for you personally?
- A. 16 It is.
- 17 O What about your company?
- 18 I believe anybody that was -- that -- that
- 19 installed an alarm system without a license would be
- 20 subject to those fine -- those penalties.
- 21 Q. Does an interest still exists for your
- 22 product?
- 23 A. It does.
- 24 Q. How do you know that?
- 25 Α. Just from kind of telling the story and

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- talking to potential customers. 1
- 2 Now, your conclusion that you needed to get a
- 3 license or a certification before you could
- 4 distribute this product, how has that impacted your
- 5 business presently?
- 6 A. Currently, we are not operational.
- 7 But for your understanding of the June 22nd.
- 8 2017 hearing as directing you to obtain a
- 9 certification or risk penalties, would you have sold
- 10 or installed your product?
- 11 A. We would have.
- 12 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, may I just have
- 13 one moment?
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.
- 15 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 16 Q. Did all of these events occur in the state of
- 17 Tennessee?
- 18 A. They did.
- 19 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, I have no
- further questions of the witness at this time. 20
- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you.
- 22 Mr. Huffman, do you have any questions
- 23 for this witness?
- 24 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes.
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- **CROSS-EXAMINATION**
- 2 QUESTIONS BY MR. HUFFMAN:
- 3 I just -- a couple of clarifying questions.
- 4 You said something about that you were gonna
- 5 partnership with a CCTV company. Are you actually
- 6 going to partner with that company?
- 7 A. So I actually asked for clarification during
- 8 the June 22nd hearing of where the line is between a
- 9 joint venture and just a preferred vendor, and I'm
- 10 still a little bit hazy on it. As we go down that
- 11 road, we -- I -- I'd figure out where that
- 12 distinction was and we would -- we'd work around
- it -- or work within the parameters of that 13
- distinction. 14
- 15 So you would partner with the CCTV company? Q.
- 16 I mean, as far as partnering, we -- we'd
- 17 probably just have a preferred vendor that we would
- 18 recommend to potential clients.
- 19 Okay. And also, you said that you felt like
- 20 the Board said you needed to be licensed. Did the
- 21 Board actually make a motion, second that motion, and
- 22 then vote telling you that you needed to be licensed?
- 23 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, I thought there
- 24 was an objection made and sustained on this exact
- 25 basis.

- ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yeah. I don't 1
- 2 think the hearing is relative to what we're doing
- today here is my opinion here. We're -- it's a 3
- 4 hearing before the Board now. The -- according to my
- reading of the -- of the hearing transcript earlier, 5
- 6 there was nothing ever done, said by the Board during
- 7 that hearing. So I don't think that's relative at
- this time now so I'm just gonna sustain the 8
- 9 objection.
- BY MR. HUFFMAN: 10
- 11 Q. And also, is -- is your product operable
- 12 today?
- 13 A. I -- I mean, we have an operable software
- 14 system but we have not put any in -- out in the
- 15 public.

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- 16 Q. Thank you.
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Before I
- 18 let the Board Members ask their questions here, do
- 19 you want to redirect or anything?
 - MR. BOUCEK: No, Your Honor. I'm happy
- 21 to let the Board go for --
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Chairperson
- 23 Hixson, do you want to go ahead and start, or do you
- 24 want to let...
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't -- you may

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- object to what I'm going to say but I'll still go
- back to the meeting in June. You came in here and 2
- 3 asked us if we thought you needed to be licensed.
- There was no vote taken. But in that transcript that 4
- 5 day, you talk about installing, recommending,
- 6 monitoring. And what is the purpose for having the
- 7 system? I mean, what is the end purpose? Is it the
- 8 protection of life and property because you can
- 9 expand it to burglary suspects, robbers? Is that
- 10 true?
- 11 THE WITNESS: I -- I'm -- I guess I'm a 12 little bit confused about what the specific question
- 13 is.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I'm talking about
- 15 you telling people that we said you couldn't do 16 business in the state of Tennessee.
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- MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, I thought this
- 18 was the line of questioning that we were not allowed 19 to explore.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But this is my 21 concern is every one of these exhibits that you've
- 22 presented to Mr. Boucek says we told him he couldn't
- 23 do that. We never told him he couldn't do anything. 24 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, with all due
 - respect, I -- I'm happy to respond but I think that

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But the -- but the exhibits all say we told him he couldn't take an action and do a thing and that's what I need clarification for because we didn't do that.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Well, I understand that -- and you can -- and in your deliberations, you can talk about that among yourselves on the record here in your deliberations here. But let's just try to tailor the questions to what's going on today if we can for this -- for the purposes of the questions 12 for today here. And then, like I said, in your 13 deliberations, if you want to discuss the exhibits here, that's fine.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Is your system limited to sex predators, your ability limited to sexual predators?

18 THE WITNESS: It's not. The database can 19 be customized to -- it's set to identify anybody that 20

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So it can include 22 robbery, burglary, theft, all other, correct?

23 THE WITNESS: It could identify somebody 24 that had been identified as a suspect in a crime like 25 that, yes.

1 MR. COCKROFT: Could -- do you -- now, I 2 think this was already asked, but can you get a 3 license at this point?

THE WITNESS: Based on the letter of law, nobody in my company qualifies for a license.

MR. COCKROFT: Were you offered for the 6 7 Board to accept your current experience?

THE WITNESS: I was told I had to submit an application to the Board and pay -- pay the fees in a nonrefundable way before the Board would -before the Board would look at my experience.

MR. COCKROFT: Did the Board not give you a highly -- or give you a recommendation that it would be highly likely that your experience would be accepted should you apply?

THE WITNESS: That was -- I never -- I never construed it that way.

MR. COCKROFT: I was trying to find it. I hadn't had time to go through the -- all of the record from the hearing, but I believe that was offered. I don't know if we can find it in the record

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: And again, if you want -- we'll have a chance to -- to recess before I give my charge here for y'all to review the evidence

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1 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. I have no 2 other questions.

3 MR. COCKROFT: I've got some questions 4 or --

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Go ahead.

MR. COCKROFT: Do you feel that your personal history has some -- that it -- that it has some relevance to how these -- these people's opinions and all of these statements are? I mean. 10 I -- I think you're an upstanding person and that has a lot to do with probably their feelings of why they 11 would still do business with you without being licensed. Do you feel your background has some input

THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I'm not sure I understand the question.

MR. COCKROFT: Do you think if you were a sex predator, they would still the feel the same way?

THE WITNESS: I would hope not.

20 MR. COCKROFT: Do you think that someone else, a competitor of yours, should be able to go 21 22 into bus- -- into this business if there -- if -- say 23 you have a competitor that's a sex predator, should 24 he be able to install this type same system? 25

THE WITNESS: I'm not a legislator.

here if that's what -- individually by yourselves

2 here and then -- then we'll go back to the deliberation part of -- of the -- of the hearing

3 4 today then. I don't think that's sort of be --

MR. COCKROFT: Okav.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: -- pointed it out if that's what you want to do.

MR. COCKROFT: One last question. There was a lot of discussion about all of these exceptions and could those companies that -- that met some of those exceptions, like a heating and air company, or 12 a -- or a telemarketer, could they install the system better than you. Could they install under that exception? Could a telemarketer install your system under that exception?

THE WITNESS: No. A telemarketer doesn't have the ability to install my system unless they have some, you know, significant technical -technical background.

MR. COCKROFT: Through -- through licensure, are they able to install your system?

THE WITNESS: I haven't researched the matter.

MR. COCKROFT: And I -- I don't know where to go from there, but there were a number of

things mentioned that -- that those wouldn't be --2 the person would not be able to install under that exception. They -- they can only do their exception. 4 It -- it's like it was purported that all of those things could be --

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Mr. Cockroft --I'm sorry.

MR. COCKROFT: Cockroft, ves.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Cockroft. That's part -- so the -- the -- you need to reserve that --I guess the argument made before the, like I said, deliberation process --

MR. COCKROFT: Okay. Okay.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: -- if you want to go to that part of the -- the hearing if --

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: On behalf of the Board, this is our first one of these declaratory hearings so if we make mistakes, we're not trying to be adversarial. We just don't know because this is the first of this type of hearing for us.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Well, I personally -- see, this is my first declaratory hearing I've had so we're on the same page.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We're all in this

together.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: So -- exactly. So we're trying to get our way through this here. But we've got two good lawyers here to direct us here so we'll -- we'll rely on them a lot.

5 But any other questions by the Board for 6 Mr. Jackson here?

Go ahead, Mr. Harvey.

MR. HARVEY: I have one question. I -- I think -- I -- I think we've touched on this just a little bit earlier today. And I know -- I know our last meeting we did. At some point in your testimony 12 today, I heard you say that if a customer should need assistance or needed guidance on where to place a camera or some equipment that you would come and

THE WITNESS: We would do the -- the most we could do while still working within the law. That's something that we're kind of asking for clarification on today.

MR. HARVEY: Okay.

offer that guidance for them. Is that true?

20 21 MR. COCKROFT: And you said in your 22 demonstration that it didn't require anything other 23 than plugging into the unit. Do you not have to have 24 acc- -- some sort of other access, or log-in, or 25 other information about the NVR to be able to do

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THE WITNESS: So part of an RTSP address is typically the username and password of the individual camera or the DVR system.

MR. COCKROFT: So do you not have to have access to those things? If -- if that wasn't the default password, would you not still have to have access or be able to get into those devices?

THE WITNESS: Yeah. We would need to get that information from the system administrator or whoever was responsible for the system.

MR. COCKROFT: If they didn't know how to 13 do that, would you -- work on those systems, would you go into the DVR, or the cameras, or --

THE WITNESS: No, we would not. We'd advised them to call the manufacturer.

MR. FRAKER: Question that I -- may be irrelevant, but what is your thought pattern on going to market? As an owner myself of a security company, are you trying to market your product to me for me to in turn sell it to my customer, or are you trying to go direct to customer?

THE WITNESS: So our initially, our initial go-to-market strategy would be direct to customer and then we'd re-assess, you know, after

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a -- a given time period.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Any other

3 questions by the Board Members?

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't think so. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Mr. Boucek, any kind of redirect?

6 7 MR. BOUCEK: Just -- just briefly, Your

8 Honor.

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REDIRECT EXAMINATION

11 QUESTIONS BY MR. BOUCEK:

- 12 You were asked some questions about if this
- 13 limited sex predators or potential applications was
- 14 the line of questioning as I understood it. In the
- 15 end, who is going to make the determination about
- 16 whether the individual in the notification is the
- 17 person that the system says they may be?
- 18 The person receiving the alerts, so typically
- 19 a school administrator or somebody that acts in that
- 20 capacity.
- 21 Q. Is the system making any sort of
- 22 representation that this is a burglar or this is a
- 23 sex predator?
- 24 It's not. It just says the person resembles
- a sex offender or a burglar. 25

- 1 Q. And then who is the person that's gonna make
- 2 that ultimate decision about whether this fits the
- 3 characterization of a burglar or a sex predator?
- 4 A. The person receiving the alert; typically, a 5 school administrator.
 - MR. BOUCEK: That's all I have.
- 7 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Mr. Huffman, 8
 - anything else?

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- 9 MR. HUFFMAN: No questions.
- 10 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you,
- 11 Mr. Jackson.
- 12 Let me ask before we go to the next
- 13 witness here, it's 10:30, are y'all okay to go on?
- Do you need a break or anything, Board Members. 14
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I think we'd like a
- 16 15-minute break if --
- 17 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. We'll take
- 18 about a 15-minute recess then.
- 19 MR. BOUCEK: Thank you, Your Honor.
 - (Short recess.)
- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. We'll go
- 22 back on the record then.
- 23 Mr. Boucek, you can call your next
- 24 witness.

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25 MR. BOUCEK: We will call John Cerasuolo.

- How long have you been employed by ADS? 1 Q.
- 2 A. Ten vears.
- 3 Q. What is ADS Security?
- 4 A. We are the 19th largest security company in
- the United States. We have 24 offices across eight 5
- 6 states in the southeast United States.
- 7 So can you give us a sense as to how big ADS
- 8 is?
- 9 A. Yeah. We have 450 employees. We monitor
- 10 over 100,000 customers from our monitoring center,
- 11 and install something around 10,000 systems a year,
- 12 alarm systems a year.
- 13 Q. Did you say how many states you're in?
- 14 A. Eight states.
- 15 Q. How many locations do you have?
- 16 A. 24 locations.
- 17 Q. I believe you mentioned this a second ago
- 18 but --
- 19 A.
- 20 -- does ADS, does that business include the Q.
- installation of systems qualifying as alarms under 21
- 22 Tennessee law?
- 23 A. Yes, it does.
- 24 Q. And what is your current position?
- It's chief executive officer, CEO. 25 A.

- 1 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Please raise your 2 right hand.
- 3 (The witness was sworn.)
- ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you. 4
- 5 Have a seat, sir.
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- JOHN CERASUOLO.
- 9 was called as a witness, and having first been duly 10 sworn, testified as follows:
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- DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 QUESTIONS BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 14 Q. Can you please state and spell your name?
- 15 First name John, J-O-H-N; last name
- 16 Cerasuolo, C-E-R-A-S-U-O-L-O.
- 17 What is your educational background?
- 18 A. I have a bachelor's degree in science from
- the US Naval Academy and a master of business from 19
- 20 Clemson University.
- 21 Q. What is your occupation?
- 22 A. I'm currently the CEO of ADS Security
- 23 headquartered here in Nashville.
- ADS Security, is that your employer? 24 Q.
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. How long have you had that? 1
- 2 I've been CEO for about six years. I was
- president for four years prior to that. 3
- 4 Q. What are your duties in that position?
- So I oversee all operations and -- across the 5 A.
- 6 entire organization: Our monitoring center, our
- 7 installation and service operations, and all of our
- 8 financial operations.
- 9 Q. How many employees did you say you had?
- 10 A. About 450.
- 11 Q. Are they all under you?
- 12 A.
- 13 Q. Does -- do those employees include certified
- 14 or qualified agents in Tennessee?
- 15 A.
- 16 Q. And what sort of professional accolades have
- 17 vou garnered?
- 18 We were the 2014 national dealer of the year
- 19 from SDM Magazine. They pick the best security
- 20 company in the country each year. And we're a
- 21 multiple title winner of many dealer of the year
- awards for manufacturers such as Honeywell. 22
- 23 Do your regular daily duties include the
- 24 monitoring and supervision of qualified agents in
- 25 Tennessee?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. How long --
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. -- how long have you been doing that?
- 5 A. Ten years.
- 6 Q. Have you overseen the installation of alarms?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. How often?
- 9 A. It's a daily responsibility of mine to
- 10 oversee the installation of systems. I -- I am
- 11 present at some of the -- very small percentage of
- 12 those installations. I have spent some time in the
- 13 field but I'm responsible for all of them, all of
- 14 the -- somewhere around 10,000 per year.
- 15 Q. Somewhere around 10,000 per year, did -- did
- 16 I hear that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you understand the technology behind alarm
- 19 systems?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. Do you keep up with the technology?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. Have you ever been called upon by other
- 24 professionals in the field to offer up your opinion
- 25 on alarm systems?

- 1 Q. What are the four types?
- 2 A. Burglar alarm, CT, CCTV, fire alarm.
- 3 Q. And do each of those categories have separate
- 4 testing?
- 5 A. Yes. Yes.
- 6 Q. How does someone become certified as a
- 7 qualified agent?
- 8 A. Well, so there's a lot of study that has to
- 9 be met to meet the requirements of education, and --
- 10 and time, and experience in the business. They meet
- 11 those and -- and other qualifications, then they have
- 12 to study and take a -- an exam for burglar alarm and
- 13 fire alarms. It's a five-hour exam.
- 14 Q. Do you start out as a tech?
- 15 A. Generally, most of those qualify. They don't
- 16 necessarily have to but most of them do, yes.
- 17 Q. Who administers the training?
- 18 A. So there's lots of different ways you can
- 19 prepare for the exam. There is -- there's plenty of
- 20 opportunities for outside training. And a lot of the
- 21 training is done internally. We do a lot of the
- 22 training in-house.
- 23 Q. What sort of experience requirements are
- 24 there for someone to become certified?
- 25 A. So if you have a -- a bachelor's degree in

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- A. Yes. I'm a regular speaker at industry
- 2 events where I'm often in that role.
 - MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, at this point in
- 4 time, we would move that John Cerasuolo be declared
- 5 an expert in the field of alarm systems.
- 6 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Any objection, Mr.
- 7 Huffman?

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- 8 MR. HUFFMAN: There's no objection.
- 9 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: He's been
- 10 qualified as an expert.
- 11 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 12 Q. Now, you say you're present in multiple
- 13 states. Do you oversee the alarm companies and alarm
- 14 systems installation in other states as well?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Do all of the states in which ADS is present
- 17 have mandatory certification or licensure laws?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. What are some of the states that do not?
- 20 A. Kentucky is an example of a state that we
- 21 operate in that has no burglar alarm licensing.
- 22 Q. Now, returning to Tennessee, just to give us
- 23 an overview, how many categories of alarm system are
- 24 there?
- 25 A. Four.

- 1 electrical engineering or industrial engineering,
- 2 then you need two years. If you have an associate's
- 3 degree -- I'm not sure of the characterization of
- 4 it -- you need four. And if you don't have a degree,
- 5 you need five years.
- 6 Q. You say your company does do some of the
- 7 training?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Are you familiar with the way in which your
- 10 company and other companies train?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now, is there also a course that people must
- 13 satisfy?
- 14 A. Yeah. So all -- anyone involved in sales or
- 15 operations of security -- of an alarm company in
- 16 Tennessee has to go through a basic level of training
- 17 within their first year of hiring --
- 18 Q. Who would administer --
- 19 A. -- that would include the qualifying agent.
- 20 Q. Who administers that course?
- 21 A. Generally done by the state alarm association
- 22 or -- or -- or the national alarm association and
- 23 often through the state association. So in this
- 24 case, it'd be the Electronic Security Association
- 25 or -- and the Tennessee ESA, TNESA.

- 1 Q. Is there -- who makes up the -- that board --
- 2 or, excuse me, the association?
- 3 A. So it's companies -- alarm companies across
- 4 the state are members.
- 5 Q. Is there a national course that's
- 6 administered by the state associations?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with the test that Tennessee
- 9 requires?
- 10 A. Yes. I've studied for and taken the test.
- 11 Q. Is that -- is it mandatory that to become
- 12 certified you have to pass this test?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who writes the test?
- 15 A. We're -- it's written by the Electronic
- 16 Security Association.
- 17 Q. Are you also familiar with the Tennessee
- 18 Alarm Systems Contractors Act of 1991?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Does that include the definitions of what an
- 21 alarm system is?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Does that include the exemptions from the
- 24 law?
- 25 A. It does.

- 1 Tennessee. He looked into getting a license and --
- 2 to getting licensed but it wasn't enough work to
- 3 warrant the cost and expense of doing it. So he has
- 4 to tell his customer to go find another contractor in
- 5 Tennessee to do the work. And -- and I've heard
- 6 business owners in Kentucky say we need a licensing
- 7 law here so we can keep Tennessee companies out of
- 8 Kentucky the same way Tennessee keeps Kentucky
- 9 companies out of Tennessee.
- 10 Q. Thank you. Have you familiarized yourself
- 11 with Mr. Jackson's product?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Have you seen it demonstrated?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Were you, in fact, present for the
- 16 demonstration that was performed here today?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Have you also seen the demonstration on
- 19 what's been marked as Exhibit 2, that's the video of
- 20 the installation?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. It's actually sitting right in front of you.
- 23 Do you recognize your initials on that item?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 Q. And was that an accurate representation of

- 1 Q. What was the purpose of the law?
- 2 A. Extensively, the law was -- is to protect the
- 3 welfare of the citizens of Tennessee.
- 4 Q. Is that how people in the business
- 5 consistently view the law's function?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. How do you know this?
- 8 A. From extensive conversations with business
- 9 owners throughout Tennessee and across the southeast.
- 10 Q. And what attitude are you referring to?
- 11 A. So generally, the -- the characterization of
- 12 licensing regimes like the one in Tennessee is an
- 13 effort to reduce competition within that state.
- 14 Q. How does a licensure or certification process
- 15 reduce competition?
- 16 A. So I -- I can give an example -- and
- 17 there's -- there's lots of ways it does it, but
- 18 presenting barriers to new companies forming and
- 19 significantly to keep outside companies from
- 20 competing in Tennessee. So as an example: I have
- 21 a -- a friend who has a security company in Kentucky
- 22 where they don't have a licensing law, and he has a
- 23 customer with multiple locations including some in
- 24 Tennessee; he's not able to do work for his customer
- 25 in the location, a few locations they have in

- 1 the product?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, I'm asking you for your expert opinion.
- 4 What is your expert opinion about whether this
- 5 product functions like an alarm system?
- 6 A. My opinion is it in no way meets the criteria
- 7 for an alarm system.
- 8 Q. We're gonna talk a little bit more of the
- 9 specific -- excuse me -- the specific definitions
- 10 here in a moment but I wanted to start with kind of a
- 11 30,000-foot view. What is your opinion about whether
- 12 the product even has any affect on public health,
- 13 safety, morals, or welfare?
- 14 A. I think the product as described is a
- 15 significant product for organizations like schools
- 16 that under con- -- that are under constant threat to
- 17 -- to improve the safety, health, and welfare of
- 18 their students.
- 19 Q. What is your expert opinion about whether
- 20 either the installation or utilization of that
- 21 public -- or of that product could ever have a
- 22 detrimental effect on any public health, safety,
- 23 moral, or welfare?
- 24 A. I can't think of any way in which it would.
- 25 Q. Now, let's contrast this with, say, a motion

- 1 sensor or burglar alarm. Can you come up with ways
- 2 that a defective installation might legitimately
- 3 affect a public interest?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And can you articulate that?
- 6 A. Sure. So a -- an alarm system could be
- 7 installed in a way that create a -- could create a
- 8 fire hazard. An alarm system could be installed in a
- 9 way that could create some other hazards for em- --
- 10 employees, or residents in a home, or in a
- 11 institution like a school.
- 12 Q. Now, you've familiarized yourself with
- 13 that -- Mr. Jackson's product. Is there any
- 14 foreseeable way in your expert opinion that his
- 15 product could ever present any kind of a risk of a
- 16 fire hazard?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. And why is that?
- 19 A. Because there's no power over the one wire
- 20 that he's connecting. It's a commonly used Cat 5
- 21 cable and there's simply no manner in which that
- 22 could create any kind of a hazard like that.
- 23 Q. What is your expert opinion about how the
- 24 necessary training to install alarms in Tennessee
- 25 would affect the ability of a person to install or

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. What is your expert opinion about the impact
- 3 of the mandatory certification requirements on the
- 4 quality of alarm companies?
- 5 A. So I have a lot of experience with other
- 6 alarm companies. We -- we are very active in
- 7 acquiring companies. We've acquired something like

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- 8 25 companies in the last four years. And I meet with
- 9 business owners all the time of small companies
- 10 generally across all the states in the southeast.
- 11 And there's no relationship between -- in my mind
- 12 between the quality of the installation of the
- 13 companies that we meet with and systems that we take
- 14 over in states that have licensing regime versus ones
- 15 that don't.
- 16 Q. Does that include installers?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Are you aware of a greater risk to the public
- 19 health, safety, morals, or welfare in those other
- 20 states?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. In those other states that do not have a
- 23 mandatory license or certification, does ADS receive
- 24 more complaints from the public, customers, law
- 25 enforcement than in other states?

- 1 use Mr. Jackson's product?
- 2 A. So being familiar with the amount of time and
- 3 study that's required and the testing regime in
- 4 place, there's nothing in that course of study or
- 5 examination that would qualify someone to plug in a
- 6 ethernet cable.
- 7 Q. What is your opinion about how the necessary
- 8 coursework to install alarms in Tennessee would
- 9 affect the ability of a person to sell, or install,
- 10 or use Mr. Jackson's product?
- 11 A. It's simply don't apply.
- 12 Q. What is your opinion about how the requisite
- 13 testing to install alarms in Tennessee would have on
- 14 the affect of ability -- or the ability of a person
- 15 to install or use Mr. Jackson's product?
- 16 A. There's no relationship between the testing
- 17 that's required and the ability to install that
- 18 product.
- 19 Q. Are you familiar with alarm systems in other
- 20 states, including those with no certification
- 21 requirement?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Would the training, coursework, and testing
- 24 required and the utilization -- or, assist in the
- 25 utilization or installation of Mr. Jackson's product?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. And that includes states where the installer
- 3 was unlicensed at the time?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. Do you ever take over systems where they were
- 6 installed by an unlicensed installer?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you have unlicensed installers in other
- 9 states?
- 10 A. We do.
- 11 Q. Did you see any demonstrable difference in
- 12 the quality?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Do you see any demonstrable difference in the
- 15 impact on any public interest?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. With regards to the existing systems that you
- 18 take over, do you get anymore complaints from the
- 19 public, customers, law enforcement about the systems
- 20 installed by an unlicensed person that take over?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Now, in your expert opinion, does Mr.
- 23 Jackson's product record, view, monitor, or protect
- 24 against, avoid or reduce the probability of personal
- 25 or property loss or injury resulting from fire,

- 1 smoke, heat, burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage
- 2 or other losses of that type?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And why not?
- 5 A. It -- it -- it simply doesn't meet those
- 6 specific criteria. And it's pretty clear to me that
- 7 it's a -- a technology that has been developed since
- 8 that definition was created that it wasn't
- 9 contemplated to include. And it seems to take an
- 10 inordinate amount of stretching to even consider that
- 11 system to do any of those things.
- 12 Q. Who makes the ultimate determination about
- 13 what to use with the information that Mr. Jackson's
- 14 product conveys?
- 15 A. The person who is designated to receive that
- 16 alert.
- 17 Q. In your opinion, does Mr. Jackson's product
- 18 make a representation that what it is doing is
- 19 reducing the probability of personal or property
- 20 loss?
- 21 A. Mr. Jackson's system is a providing an alert
- 22 to someone in that organization for them to make that
- 23 determination.
- 24 Q. And with regards to the applications, are
- 25 those applications -- they -- or excuse me. Strike

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Why not?
- 3 A. It -- again, it is -- it's providing
- 4 information to an administrator for them to make a
- 5 decision. It doesn't summon anything.
- 6 Q. Do you sell products that meet the definition
- 7 of monitoring, detecting, preventing intrusion?
- 8 A. Absolutely, yes.
- 9 Q. And what are those devices?
- 10 A. So it's a whole range of devices. It could
- 11 be fire alarm systems, could be burglar alarm
- 12 systems, video systems; all designed with those
- 13 specific ends in mind.
- 14 Q. How do they function?
- 15 A. They -- a variety of ways. They're
- 16 electronic systems so it's interconnected. Detectors
- 17 in some sense. It could be a smoke detector or a
- 18 motion detector depending on what it is you're trying
- 19 to detect or they identify a condition. And once
- 20 that condition's identified, communicate that to a
- 21 monitoring center that can respond appropriately by
- 22 calling police or fire as necessary.
- 23 Q. Okay. So how is the alert that it creates
- 24 different than what Mr. Jackson's system does?
- 25 A. So a -- an example of a smoke detector, it's

- 1 the question.
- 2 Is the technology designed to protect against
- 3 fire, smoke, heat, burglary, theft, pilferage or
- 4 other losses of that type?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. I want to turn to the second definition. In
- 7 your expert opinion, does Mr. Jackson's product -- is
- 8 it does it monitor, detect, or prevent intrusions?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Why not?
- 11 A. It -- it doesn't meet even a minimum criteria
- 12 for doing any of those things. It's simply providing
- 13 information to an administrator who then --
- 14 Q. Who makes -- who makes the determination
- 15 about whether or not there has been an unlawful
- 16 entry?
- 17 A. The person that receive -- that is designated
- 18 to receive the alert.
- 19 Q. Does the system, itself, make a
- 20 representation that this has been an unlawful entry
- 21 or intrusion?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Turning to the third definition, in your
- 24 opinion, does Mr. Jackson's product detect and summon
- 25 aid for other emergencies?

- 1 detecting smoke in a building or a home and
- 2 communicating that condition to our monitoring system
- 3 operators who then pick up the phone, call 911 center
- 4 and dispatch the fire department.
- 5 Q. So they take immediate action based on that
- 6 information?
- 7 A. In that case, ves.
- 8 Q. And the -- and the product in this case is
- 9 designed to do exactly that; is that right?
- 10 A. That's exact- -- that's exactly correct, yes.
- 11 Q. It's creating an alert condition, have I
- 12 summarized you fairly?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now, similarly, with detect and summon aid
- 15 for other emergencies, do you have products that are
- 16 designed to do that function?
- 17 A. Detect and summon aid, certainly. So a
- 18 medical panic might be an example of summoning aid
- 19 where someone pushes a medical panic -- medical

condition creates in that application different from

- 20 button or a panic button in a -- in a convenient
- 21 store where they would be, we would again be
- 22 responding to get aid to those individuals.
- 23 Q. How does the information that the alert
- 25 what Mr. Jackson's product does?

- 1 A. Well, again, a -- so a customer pushes a
- 2 panic button in a convenient store; that transits an
- alarm directly to our receive in our monitoring
- center. Our operator receives that alarm and
- 5 calls -- again, calls the 911 center to alert the
- 6 police to that location.
- 7 Q. And that's what it's designed to do, create
- 8 an alert condition?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you see other products come into the
- 11 market that are similar in many ways to Mr.
- 12 Jackson's?
- 13 A. So there -- there's a extraordinary amount of
- 14 development going on in video analytics so there's a
- 15 lot. Mr. -- Mr. Jackson's product is certainly
- 16 unique and does some unique things, but there's a
- 17 extraordinary amount of development in general going
- 18 on in video analytics to -- to use the output of a
- camera to identify things: Everything from heat 19
- 20 patterns for traffic in a convenient -- in a store
- 21 where you might want to know what products people are
- stopping in front of to counting people that walk
- 23 through the door to a whole -- to -- in some cases if
- 24 someone put -- drops a briefcase and walks away, it
- 25 could identify that so there's a lot of really

- 1 different characteristics. But that -- that's the --
- 2 the challenge with all this new technology and
- 3 development going on, it's very difficult to
- 4 categorize it in some of the old ways that we
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- discussed and consider it security systems.
- 6 What about other technologies or existing
- 7 apps -- apps like we have on our phone, can you think
- 8 of any of those?
- 9 Yeah. There's a whole range of new products
- 10 residential -- for residential and commercial
- 11 applications from doorbell cameras and -- and small
- 12 little cameras that folks have in their home to a
- 13 whole range of new developments going in among
- commercial products. So the -- it's a -- it's a 14
- rapidly-changing field. There's probably more change 15
- 16 and disruption going on in our industry in terms of
- technology in the last five years than there has been 17
- 18 in the 10 to 20 years before.
- 19 Q. And do you see any way to shoehorn the
- 20 existing definitions of an alarm system upon those
- 21 technical applications?
- 22 So I think it's pretty clear from someone
- 23 who's been in the industry a long time that those --
- 24 the definitions are outdated. And it's -- it's very
- 25 easy to think of new technologies that are coming up

- interesting development going on in video analytics.
- 2 So help me understand. These are similar to
- 3 Mr. Jackson's product in your opinion because they
- 4 run through existing video cameras and then they
- 5 provide instant information to an end user that is
- 6 the one that makes an application of that?
- 8 broad -- broad variety of development but I -- I

That's correct. And -- and again, it's a

- 9 think you characterized it well.
- 10 And does that involve analytics software?
- 11 A. Yes, in many case -- in most -- in all cases
- 12 for that.
- Q. 13 So that's just simply a software product as
- 14 well?

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- 15 A. Yep. And in some cases, it's a separate
- 16 software product. And in some cases, it might be
- 17 embedded in a camera but it's a software product.
- 18 Do you see any reason why those sorts of
- 19 analytics software are anymore of an alarm system to
- 20 Mr. Jackson's product?
- 21 It depends on how they're -- how they're
- 22 designed and developed. But as a -- as a standalone
- 23 software that takes the output of a camera, in -- in
- 24 some cases it's gonna be similar. In some cases if
- it's embedded in a camera, it -- it -- it might have

- 1 that simply don't fit in the descriptions that
- 2 we're -- like those in the description of an alarm
- 3 system in a -- in the code.
- 4 Are there apps that you have on your phone
- 5 that are software that monitor your movement and
- 6 provide you information based on that?
- 7 Sure. So we have a lot of customers, and
- 8 myself included, that have systems that are capable
- 9 of having cameras that might send you a video clip
- 10 whenever there's motion in front of it, or a doorbell
- 11 camera for when a -- someone leaves a package at your
- 12 door so those are very, very common today.
- Q. 13 Do you ever use Yelp?
- 14 A.
- 15 Q. Does (sic) Yelp capable of telling you where
- you stand and give you information about what's 16
- around you? 17
- 18 A. Yep, sure is.
- 19 Q. What about Waze?
- 20 A. All the time, yep.
- 21 Can you think of any way in which things such
- 22 as Tennessee's mandatory certification process
- 23 facilitates either the installation or utilization of
- 24 any of these emergent technologies?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 Q. So forcing somebody to undergo that process
- 2 would not make the product any cheaper, better, or
- 3 more effective, or safer; is that fair?
- 4 A. That's fair. And I think it's -- it's pretty
- 5 obvious in this case when you look at the
- 6 installation of that system that burdening a business
- 7 with going through the requirements do nothing to
- 8 further public interest and -- and -- and only harm
- 9 it by making it more expensive for that system to be
- 10 purchased by consumers in Tennessee.
- 11 Q. Now, are you too aware that Tennessee alarm
- 12 systems laws has any number of special exemptions in
- 13 it for certain companies?
- 14 A. Yes, I am.
- 15 Q. Are you aware of the exemption that allows a
- 16 company that does not provide monitoring service and
- 17 has \$50 million or more in annuals sales whose
- 18 product requires no internal building wiring to
- 19 install?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. In your opinion, does a company meeting that
- 22 exemption resemble Mr. Jackson's?
- 23 A. So it -- it is hard to understand why an
- 24 exemption like that would exist. And they -- the
- 25 mere fact of having a certain amount of revenue makes

- 1 hard to imagine a justification if the licensing
- 2 requirements are so important to the health, and
- 3 safety, and welfare of Tennessee citizens why the
- 4 fact that a company happens to also do HVAC work make
- 5 that less important for their customers.
- 6 Q. To conclude here briefly, what is your
- 7 opinion about whether Mr. Jackson's product is an
- 8 alarm system?
- 9 A. My opinion is that it -- Mr. Jackson's system
- 10 is not an alarm system.
- 11 MR. BOUCEK: May I just have one moment,
- 12 Your Honor?
- 13 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.
- 14 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we'll tender the
- 15 witness at this time.
- 16 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 Okay. Mr. Huffman, do you have any
- 18 questions for --
- 19 And, sir, please pronounce your name
- 20 again one more time, please.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Certainly, Cerasuolo. And
- 22 I'm --

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- 23 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Cerasuolo. Okay.
- 24 Thank you, sir.
 - THE WITNESS: No problem.

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- 1 an organization no more capable of installing a
- 2 system than a company with less revenue.
- 3 Q. Does Adam's system -- or excuse me, Mr.
- 4 Jackson's system, as you understand it, require
- 5 internal building wiring to install?
- 6 A. It does not, no.
- 7 Q. And is he providing what you would
- 8 characterize as a monitoring service?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. So the only reason why this exception doesn't
- 11 apply to him is strictly because he does not do
- 12 \$50 million in sale (sic)?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. Does this sort of a company more directly
- 15 affect public health, safety, morals, or welfare than
- 16 Mr. Jackson's?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Another one would be electrical, mechanical,
- 19 or HVAC contractors who are licensed and do not
- 20 provide direct sales, monitoring, or installation, or
- 21 maintenance of alarm systems. In your com- -- in
- 22 your opinion, does a company that meets this
- 23 exemption affect more directly public health, safety,
- 24 morals, or welfare than Mr. Jackson's?
- 25 A. Absolutely. It, again, is -- there's -- it's

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 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Any questions, Mr.
- 2 Huffman, for Mr. Cerasuolo?
- 3 MR. HUFFMAN: We do not have any
- 4 questions.
- 5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 Okay. Members of the Board, do you have
- 7 any questions for Mr. Cerasuolo.
- 8 MR. COCKROFT: I have a couple.
- 9 Do you have any?
 - CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Go ahead.
- 11 MR. COCKROFT: Do you do video monitoring
- 12 at your company?
- 13 THE WITNESS: We do.
- 14 MR. COCKROFT: How would you compare that
- 15 to this product and how are they different?
- 16 THE WITNESS: So the video monitoring we
- 17 do is tied in with an alarm system. So it -- we call
- 18 it video verification. So if a customer had, for
- 19 example, a warehouse door in a commercial building
- 20 and we received an alarm from that door -- let's say
- 21 the system was armed; it was on a middle of the night
- 22 or weekend, our operators would get a video clip from
- 23 a camera looking at that door to identify what the
- 24 conditions was to help them with response and to
- 25 provide that information to the 911 center when we

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MR. COCKROFT: Do you do any that has analytics in it such as like Videofied or CheckVideo or anything like that?

THE WITNESS: We don't.

MR. COCKROFT: Okay. If -- if you did, do you think those would be similar or would -- would have any -- how do you feel those compare to Mr. Jackson's product?

THE WITNESS: So I'm not sure I understand what --

12 MR. COCKROFT: Are you familiar with 13 Videofied and the CheckVideo?

THE WITNESS: I know -- I know -- I do not know CheckVideo. I've heard of Videofied and I've seen a demo of their product. But we don't use it and I'm not -- I'm not -- I don't know that I'm an expert enough in it to comment.

MR. COCKROFT: Okay. On -- and at some of the stuff you were talking about, you'd make -you'll do an alert or you'll -- you get an alert and you'll then you notify someone. Do you not at --

THE WITNESS: Right.

MR. COCKROFT: Do you at times ever have where you call the subscriber and they make a

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decision on what to do on those alerts?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes. So in -- in some 3 cases, depending on the type of alert device and the 4 condition, sometimes we call a 911 center directly, 5 and sometimes we would call a call list for the 6 subscriber. And it's -- it's an effort to reduce 7 false alarms. So -- and we call the subscriber and -- to determine if they know if it was a false 9 alarm. Sometimes folks will open their door and come 10 home and not realize they armed their alarm system 11 and not get to it in time and -- so we'll call to 12 verify before we'll -- in that case before we'll call 13 the police. 14

MR. COCKROFT: So the -- in those cases. you're not always purporting that -- that the person on the scene is a criminal? It -- you're leaving some of that up to the -- the homeowner, or business owner, or --

THE WITNESS: Well, so it's not so much as the person. It's to identify if the consumer, themselves, tripped the alarm as opposed to an 22 intruder.

23 MR. COCKROFT: Okay. On -- and you 24 mentioned something about you don't think any of the training would be applicable. Do you think -- I

mean, is this product like IP-based uses -- since it 1 2 uses Easter -- ethernet, it would use networking and stuff like that? 3

4 THE WITNESS: Are you talking about the 5 product? 6

MR. COCKROFT: The product --THE WITNESS: You're talking about --MR. COCKROFT: -- right.

9 THE WITNESS: You're talking about Mr. 10 Jackson's product? So it -- it -- you'd connect an 11 ethernet cable to direct the video feed to the software. 12

MR. COCKROFT: Do any of your technicians deal with stuff like that when they put in the camera system or --

THE WITNESS: Sure. It's a -- that's a -- I would describe it as an ancillary part of installing the video system, connecting an ethernet cable. So they -- they certainly do that.

MR. COCKROFT: Is there not training that's part of what you do to be a qualified agent that covers things like that?

THE WITNESS: Well, I'm -- connecting an ethernet cable is -- is probably something we just ass- -- is something we assume any employee in an

Page 116 organization would be able to do without any kind of training.

3 MR. COCKROFT: You don't give your 4 employees any training for IP -- to connect an MVR to 5 the network or --

THE WITNESS: Sure. So the -- the -dealing with the software and setting up the software is part of our training that we get, not the connection of the ethernet cable. Again, that's 10 pretty routine.

MR. COCKROFT: But you don't think that has any application whatsoever to Mr. Jackson's product, to -- to be able to have knowledge of networking?

THE WITNESS: So I -- so having seen his -- the installation of his product, there's nothing that we would do in the training of our employees that would make -- and any user to do what he did in his demonstration and what I saw in that video.

22 someone was installing the system and they're 23 installing it in schools and we're protecting kids, 24 do you think that it would be good if they were a sex predator, if they, themselves, because they could 25

MR. COCKROFT: Okay. And if -- if

Page 119 take themselves out of the system and do things like 1 1 as he mentioned, in a concert for someone who might 2 that? 2 be involved in a mass shooting. 3 3 THE WITNESS: No. I don't think it would CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So --4 be good if a sex predator had access to a system that 4 THE WITNESS: So --5 was designed to protect a school. 5 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- would that 6 MR. COCKROFT: Could a -- could a sex 6 include public safety? 7 predator work in your business with the -- or could 7 THE WITNESS: Of course, yes. 8 8 they get licensed with your business in Tennessee? CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I have no more 9 THE WITNESS: It depends on the decision 9 questions. 10 of the Board. But anyone that doesn't meet the 10 What other -- oh, yeah, on doorbell 11 criteria would have to get approved by the Board. 11 cameras, who installs doorbell cameras predominately 12 MR. COCKROFT: Okay. That's all I have. 12 in this industry and today? 13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: You named three of 13 THE WITNESS: So consumers install most 14 the categories a while ago that are covered by the 14 of them. And security companies install a number of 15 Alarm Systems Contractors Board. You named, I 15 them. It depends. Some of them can be standalone 16 believe, burglary, fire, CCTV. What's the fourth 16 devices; some of them can be integrated into a 17 one? 17 security system. 18 THE WITNESS: I just lost my mind. 18 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. 19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. What 19 MR. HARVEY: Real quick. I think -- I 20 organizations do you have ties with outside of your think I want to ask Mr. Crosscroft's (sic) question a 20 21 position with ADS? 21 little bit differently than he did. I -- I think I 22 THE WITNESS: I'm the chairman of the 22 completely understand how Mr. Jackson's system works 23 Beacon Center of Tennessee. 23 and how it's set up. Knowing what we know and you 24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav. I think Mr. 24 being the expert in the industry, would you not agree 25 25 Cockroft covered part of this, but you do admit that that if we walked in on an existing system to install Mr. Jackson's system does send alerts if a match is his software, wouldn't you agree that certain cameras 2 made; is that correct? 2 are gonna need adjusting, maybe re- -- re- --3 THE WITNESS: It sends a notification to 3 repositioned to -- to make the software work the most 4 the --4 efficiently that it could? 5 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: An alert --5 THE WITNESS: So a camera that has a good 6 THE WITNESS: -- administrator? clear view of the face depending on the conditions 7 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: A notification. And 7 will function best and be more likely to make a match 8 this is very much like if I set my alarm off or one 8 when appropriate, uh-huh. 9 of my family or friends sets my alarm off, it's me as 9 MR. HARVEY: So it possibly could take 10 the end user to decide whether or not I have an 10 some adjusting, and repositioning, or working with 11 emergency, correct? 11 the camera in some way to get the best outcome that 12 THE WITNESS: And so we -- it's up to the 12 we could with that. And with that --13 end user to -- to tell us if they mistakenly set off 13 THE WITNESS: It could. 14 the alarm. If they didn't, we'd dispatch. 14 MR. HARVEY: -- with that said, you being 15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But it would 15 in the industry and knowing what -- what you put your 16 ultimately be my decision if I was a school own employees through in training, and qualifying, 16 administrator as to what action to take on facial 17 17 and insurance, and bonding, and so on and so forth, 18 recognition, correct? 18 would you -- you, as the customer, would you not feel 19 THE WITNESS: Correct. 19 more comfortable if a trained, qualified technician 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. What would be 20 was working on that video system to get the peak 21 the purpose of his software being installed anywhere? 21 performance out of it rather than someone that's not 22 THE WITNESS: To reduce the risk to that 22 in our system at all?

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: For what?

THE WITNESS: -- a sexual predator. Or

THE WITNESS: Sure. So someone who is

trained in the positioning of those cameras is better

suited to accomplish that than someone who's not

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trained in how to position a camera.

MR. HARVEY: Okay. And I think just -- just for the record, I -- I -- I know that CCTV is a category in which we license in but we -- we keep referring back to the alarm system today. I think, really, we're referring to the CCTV category, but that hasn't been brought up here today. I thought I'd bring that up. So thank you.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Any further questions by the Board?

11 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I have one other 12 question. On the training -- now, let's go back to 13 that issue. Are there independent companies that 14 provide training for these different certifications 15 in Tennessee?

THE WITNESS: Sure, continuing education training in particular but, yes, there are.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But also the -- the basic requirements --

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- those are 22 independent companies, those are not state companies 23 that issue these training classes, correct?

THE WITNESS: That is correct.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. I just wanted

1 Q. And when you are calling that customer, what

2 are you telling them?

3 A. We're telling them -- it -- it depends on the

4 circumstances but, generally, we would tell them we

5 have an alarm from your home from your front door;

6 are you; did you -- are you having a problem with the

7 system; is everything okay. If they tell us their

8 password and they say I was just slow to get to my

9 keypad, then we disregard the alarm.

10 Q. But the alarm has already indicated that

11 there is some kind of unlawful intrusion in there,

12 correct?

13 A. That's correct, or in -- yes.

14 Q. Now, the end user might have the capacity to

15 belay that on the back end, but isn't it true that

16 you have already created an alert condition?

17 A. Yes. And if -- and if they don't answer

18 their phone, we call the police.

19 Q. Isn't it also true that these are systems

20 that are already already functioning as an alarm?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. And how are they already functioning as an

23 alarm?

24 A. Well, they -- they -- they meet the

25 definition of alarm. They are -- they are an armed

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to clarify that because you mentioned TNESA and state
 courses, but there are independent companies in

3 business in Tennessee that can administer these

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THE WITNESS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- and training?

THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Anything further? (No response.)

10 (No response.)11 ADMINISTRAT

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Any

12 redirect?

MR. BOUCEK: Just briefly, Your Honor.

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REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 QUESTIONS BY MR. BOUCEK:

17 Q. Mr. Cerasuolo, you were asked a couple of

18 questions and I just want to provide a little

19 follow-up. One of the questions pertains to whether

20 or not you ever call customers when you get an alert

21 condition. Do you recall that question?

22 A. Yes. Uh-huh.

23 Q. What -- what happens if the customer does not

24 answer?

25 A. We call the police or the fire department.

Page 124 system that's identifying a door, a window; some --

2 some device being tripped by someone while the system

3 is armed.

4 Q. You were also asked a question about whether

5 or not you provide training and connecting to IP and

6 whether or not that would be helpful to what Mr.

7 Jackson does. Do you recall that question?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. I believe your answer was that you did not

10 think that would be terribly relevant to what Mr.

11 Jackson was. But assuming for a moment -- putting

12 that aside, that for a moment, what percentage of the

13 actual training that you offer in the total training

14 package is dedicated to connecting to IP?

15 A. Zero.

16 Q. Okay. So very, very little, if any?

17 A. (Nods head affirmatively.)

18 Q. Is that fair?

19 A. Yes. Yes.

20 Q. Do you also give your employees training in

21 things that have nothing to do with alarm systems?

22 For instance, let me ask you this: Do you give

23 training in customer service?

24 A. Yes, of course.

25 Q. Is that an alarm system? Does that make them

Page 125 Page 127 1 industry and from our business so that we would have 2 the opportunity to resell this product at a profit. 3 MR. BOUCEK: I think that's all I have. 4 Your Honor. 5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Mr. Huffman, do you have anything, re- -- recross? 7 MR. HUFFMAN: No, we don't have any 8 questions. 9 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Board 10 Members, are we through with this witness? 11 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes, sir. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you, 13 sir. 14 Mr. Boucek, any other witnesses? 15 MR. BOUCEK: Yes. We'll call Ms. Cody 16 Vest briefly. 17 (The witness was sworn.) 18 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you.

an alarm system?

2 A. No.

3 Q. So you provide training in things that are

4 not necessarily, strictly speaking, pertinent to the

5 installation of on alarm system?

6 A. Yes, of course.

7 Q. You were also asked a question about would

8 you employ a sex predator. My question to you is, do

9 you have employees that are only alarm system

10 installers?

11 A. Yes.

Q. 12 Do you have secretarial personnel?

13 A.

Q. Do you have attorneys? 14

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Would you be equally reluctant to employ a

17 sex predator at any of those positions as you would

18 an alarm installer?

19 Yes, of course. And -- and we have ways to

20 ensure that's not the case.

21 You were also asked a question about your

22 involvement with Beacon Center, which is, of course,

23 where I work. Why are you the chairman for the

24 Beacon Center?

25 A. So I'm a chairman of the Beacon Center

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because I believe in the mission of the Beacon Center

and their efforts to ensure individual liberty and

3 free markets in Tennessee.

4 Is it -- does your involvement with the

5 Beacon Center change your opinion?

6 No. I'm -- I have an opinion. And -- and my

7 work on the Beacon Center is because I believe in its

8 mission.

9 So Beacon Center didn't cause you to think a

certain way; you think a certain way because you're

11 affiliated with the Beacon Center, do I have that

12 correct?

13 A. That -- that's -- that's absolutely correct.

14 Q. Have we offered you any compensation in

15 exchange for your testimony here today?

16 A.

17 Q. Are you, in fact, burdening yourself by

18 getting off work and coming here?

19 A.

20 Q. Now, also, the -- it may be self-explanatory,

21 but does it actually in some ways act counter to your

22 interests to make it so Mr. Jackson can offer to have

23 a license?

24 Sure. So a lot of people in positions like

mine would hope to restrict Mr. Jackson from our

CODY VEST,

Have a seat, ma'am.

3 was called as a witness, and having first been duly

4 sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 QUESTIONS BY MR. BOUCEK:

8 Q. Morning, Ms. Vest.

9 Α. Morning.

10 Q. How are you today?

11 Oh, I'm fine. Thank you.

12 I just have a few brief questions. My main

13 function is I want to -- I want to have a couple of

14 documents admitted through evidence for you. But

15 while you're here, let me just for the record

16 clarify, in Tennessee, does a person need a

17 certification to install alarms?

18 A. If they meet the requirements, yes.

19 Q. But I mean, is there a requirement that you

20 obtain the certification --

21 A. Certification first.

> Q. -- before you -- is that -- is that correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And you need to have a qualified agent before

you can have a licensed company; is that correct?

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- 1 A. You have a licensed company and a qualifying
- 2 agent, correct.
- 3 Q. And are there penalties if you practice or
- 4 install alarms without a certification?
- 5 A. Yes
- 6 Q. When you find out about people who are
- 7 operating without a license or a certification who
- 8 need one, what sort of enforcement actions do you
- 9 customarily take?
- 10 A. Well, I'm usual- -- usually notified of
- 11 unlicensed activity, and then a complaint will be
- 12 established. And then it'll go through the complaint
- 13 system. Then it'll go to the attorneys and it may
- 14 even be -- come before the Board.
- 15 Q. Does that include cease and desist orders?
- 16 A. It could, yes, sir.
- 17 Q. What about civil penalties?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. We've conducted a deposition of you before
- 20 too; is that right?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And I just want to get this entered into
- 23 evidence for the sake of the record. I'm handing you
- 24 what we've marked as Exhibit 9.
- 25 MR. BOUCEK: This is a copy of her

- 1 that right?
- 2 A. Besides this one, yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Yes, ma'am. Within a representative
- 4 timeframe?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And I -- I believe that your testimony was --
- 7 let me know if I have this correct -- that previously
- 8 you had informed Lookout Portable that they were okay
- 9 to distribute their product in Tennessee without a
- 10 license or certification?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And then that changed; is that right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Why did it change?
- 15 A. They came before the Board again for the
- 16 second time and brought their information in and the
- 17 Board decided that it was -- they needed to have a
- 18 license.
- 19 Q. Isn't it true that there was a complaint from
- 20 a competitor that prompted that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And did the competitor relate to you any new
- 23 information indicating that this product was, in
- 24 fact, an alarm system?
- 25 A. To me, no.

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- deposition. May I hand this to the witness?
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 3 MR. BOUCEK: And we're not gonna go
- 4 through this. I want it in the record so I don't
- 5 need to hand a copy out to this Board. I'm sure they
- 6 don't want to see the stack of papers if they don't
- 7 have to. But if anybody wants a copy, if you'd only
- 8 let me know. May we move to enter this into evidence
- 9 at this time?

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- ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 11 It'll just be marked as Exhibit Number 9, I believe.
- 12 Is that correct? Yes. And that'll be Ms. Vest's
- 13 deposition.
- 14 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 15 was marked as Exhibit Number 9.)
- 16 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 17 Q. The only point I want to talk about from the
- 18 deposition is we did talk about a company called
- 19 Lookout Portable at your deposition. Do you recall
- 20 this?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. You -- you testified, as I recall, that the
- 23 only other company that you can think of that had
- 24 ever petitioned for clarification as to whether or
- 25 not where the alarm system was Lookout Portable; is

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- 1 Q. Are you aware of any information that was
- 2 related that -- that brought new information to light
- 3 that affected whether or not that was an alarm
- 4 system?
- 5 A. Other than the complaint, the information
- 6 that was provided, no.
- 7 Q. And the complaint that was submitted by
- 8 Lookout Portable, it was sheerly for unlicensed
- 9 activity, isn't that right?
- 10 A. Well, they didn't send a complaint in --
- 11 Q. What did they do?
- 12 A. -- on theirselves.
- 13 Q. Please tell me what they did.
- 14 A. Well, the complaint was filed against
- 15 Lookout.
- 16 Q. Right, right, that's what I'm saying, the --
- 17 the competitor that filed --
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. -- that complaint, the complaint that the
- 20 competitor registered was sheerly for unlicensed
- 21 activity, isn't that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. They did not relate that Lookout Portable had
- 24 done something that affected -- they weren't doing
- 25 faulty wiring affecting -- starting fires or anything

- 1 like that; is that right, there was no safety
- 2 complaint?
- 3 A. Well, you say no safety complaint, let --
- 4 give me just a moment --
- 5 Q. Sure.
- 6 A. -- go back and -- but -- but the complaint,
- 7 it was filed because they were putting in a system
- 8 without a license --
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. -- if I'm correct.
- 11 Q. That's the substance of the complaint?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. You also previously answered in one of your
- 14 interrogatories that you will not address
- 15 Constitutional questions. Do you recall that answer?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. The next thing I wanted to do -- we
- 18 have the deposition entered -- I want to hand you
- 19 what's been marked as Exhibit 10.
- 20 MR. BOUCEK: May I approach the witness?
- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 22 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 23 Q. Do you recognize that item?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. What is that item?

- 1 natural resources.
- 2 Q. And you're familiar with the letter in
- 3 question that's been entered as Exhibit 10?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And in it, he mentions something called the
- 6 Right to a Earn Living Act. Are you familiar with
- 7 the Right to a Earn Living Act?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, at this point in
- 10 time, I'll ask to approach the witness again and hand
- 11 her what we've marked as Exhibit 11.
- 12 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Go ahead. You may
- 13 approach.
- 14 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 15 Q. Is that the Right to Earn a Living Act?
- 16 A. (Reviews document.) Yes, sir.
- 17 MR. BOUCEK: We'd move to enter that as
- 18 Exhibit 11.
- 19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: It's marked as
- 20 Exhibit 11.
- 21 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 22 was marked as Exhibit Number 11.)
- 23 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 24 Q. Now, returning to Senator Bell's letter,
- 25 what --

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- A. This is a letter sent to us on -- sent to the
- 2 Board on August the 24th of 2018 from Senator Mike
- 3 Bell.

- 4 Q. Is that an accurate copy of the letter?
- 5 A. Yes
- 6 MR. BOUCEK: We'll move to enter it into
- 7 evidence.
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. The letter
- 9 from Senator Bell will be marked as Exhibit 10.
- 10 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document
- 11 was marked as Exhibit Number 10.)
- 12 MR. BOUCEK: And can we please hand out
- 13 copies to the Board?
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you may.
- 15 MR. BOUCEK: Thank you.
- 16 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 17 Q. All right. Now, are you familiar with who
- 18 Senator Mike Bell is?
- 19 A. Yes. Yes. sir.
- 20 Q. What is -- who is he?
- 21 A. He's a senator, Mike Bell.
- 22 Q. Do you know what -- what committees or the
- 23 chairmanships he holds?
- 24 A. Says here that he's a chairman of government
- 25 operations judicial energy or ag- -- agricultural and

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 1 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Excuse me. Do you
- 2 want to hand to the Board Members also --
- 3 MR. BOUCEK: Oh, excuse me. I'm sorry.
- 4 Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: That's fine.
- 6 BY MR. BOUCEK:
- 7 Q. Now, we'll reference the Right to Earn a
- 8 Living Act here more particularly as I wrap up. But
- 9 the -- what is the sum and substance of the letter
- 10 that Senator Bell has written to Commissioner Julie
- 11 McPeaks (sic)?
- 12 A. Well, what he's saying and he's writing here
- 13 is saying he was tasked with the implication of the
- 14 Right to Earn a Living Act and he's asking the --
- 15 Julie McPeak -- and it's -- I got -- received a copy
- 16 and Vivian Hixson, the Chair, received a copy for us
- 17 to consider whether Mr. Jackson's product is an alarm
- 18 system.
- 19 Q. And he is urging you to construe your powers
- 20 narrowly in that letter as to be consistent with the
- 21 Right to Earn a Living Act; is that fair?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Taking a brief look at the Right to Earn a
- 24 Living Act, do you see that first sentence there that
- 25 begins whereas the right of individuals?

- 1 A. Yes. I do.
- 2 Q. Can you read that sentence into the record?
- 3 Whereas, the right of individuals to pursue a
- 4 chosen business or profession free from arbitrary or
- 5 excessive government interference in (sic) a
- 6 fundamental civil right.
- 7 Q. Is a fundamental civil right?
- 8 A. Yes. Excuse me. Is a fundamental civil
- 9 right and.
- And then I want you to -- can you also please 10 Q.
- read the last whereas paragraph into the record as 11
- 12 well?
- 13 A. Whereas, it is in the public's interest to
- ensure the right of all individuals to pursue 14
- legitimate entrepreneurialism and professional 15
- 16 opportunities to the limits of their talent and
- 17 ambition. To provide the means for the
- 18 vendentation (sic) of this right as to ensure that
- 19 regulations of entry into businesses, professions,
- 20 and occupations are demonstrably necessary -- -ssary
- 21 and narrowly tailored to legitimate health, safety,
- 22 and were -- welfare objections now therefore.
- 23 Q. All right. And returning to Exhibit 10,
- 24 Senator Bell states that the purpose of the law was
- 25 to make sure that no one in Tennessee had his or her
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 - right to earn a living barred by a licensure
- 2 requirement unless it was absolutely necessary to
- 3 protect the public. Did I read that correctly?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And it goes on to provide that when
 - considering whether Mr. Jackson's product is an
- 7 alarm, I would urge you to avoid unnecessarily
- 8 expanding the reach of the statute and to construe
- 9 statutory definitions narrowly. Did I read that
- 10 correctly?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 MR. BOUCEK: One second. Your Honor.
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.
- 14 MR. BOUCEK: No further questions.
- 15 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Thank you.
- 16 Mr. Huffman.
 - MR. HUFFMAN: One second.
- 18 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.
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- **CROSS-EXAMINATION**
- 21 QUESTIONS BY MR. HUFFMAN:
- 22 Ms. Vest, do you recall what Lookout was
- 23 about, like what product that was?
- 24 No. You'd have to refresh my memory on
- 25 exactly what it was, yes.

- 1 Q. Was it -- was it a panic button?
- 2 A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. Okay. So in your opinion, does Lookout's
- 4 product have any similarity to Edge Al's product?
 - MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, I don't think
- 6 she's been qualified to give an opinion. She's a lay
- 7 witness at this point in time.
- 8 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: I'm gonna go ahead
- 9 and let her testify as far as her knowledge of the --
- of the case. I don't think she investigated the 10
- 11 case. So I'm gonna let her testify that the --
- 12 regarding there's further technical aspects of the
- panic button versus the one that Mr. Jackson's 13
- 14 product is here, I don't -- she can't testify about
- 15 that. But as far as the -- her investigation into
- the case, that's fine. So I'm gonna overrule the 16 17
 - objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I'm -- I'm sorry, you're
- 19 gonna have to ask me again.
- BY MR. HUFFMAN:
- 21 Q. Okay. So --
- 22 A. Discuss --
- 23 Q. -- do you believe that -- that Lookout's --
- 24 Lookout's product is any similar to Edge Al's
- 25 product?

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- 1 A. I didn't see any similarity.
- 2 Q. All right. Thank you.
 - ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Do the Board
- 4 Members have any questions for Ms. Vest?
 - MR. COCKROFT: Just a -- a couple. On
- 6 the -- and what was the -- the other one called,
- 7 Lookout? Was there any remote monitoring or off-site
- monitoring and anything involved in that one? 8
- 9 THE WITNESS: Not that I remember, no.
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- 11 MR. COCKROFT: So there -- well -- and on
- 12 this -- the public chapter that was introduced, I
- 13 guess Exhibit 11, where it starts at 4-5-501, it's
- 14 referencing rules and policies there, right?
 - THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- MR. COCKROFT: It doesn't say anything 16
- 17 about ignoring laws, right? It -- it's saying as far
- 18 as any rules or policies that the Board were to make
- 19 that we should try to, you know, to make it an easy
- 20 entry or -- for someone, but it doesn't say anything
- 21 about ignoring laws, right? 22 THE WITNESS: I don't see that in this, 23 no, sir.
- 24 MR. COCKROFT: Okay. Thank you.
 - CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Earlier Mr. Jackson

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Page 141 Page 143 cited, I think it was, no less than \$1,000 and not 1 Q. Turning just briefly, there was a comment 2 more than \$5,000 per occurrence for civil penalties, 2 about criminal sanctions. It's true that the Board and then he also cited, I think, a one- to six-month does not have the power to level criminal sanctions. jail time. Does this Board have the authority to 4 that -- did I understand you correctly --5 issue any type of criminal sanctions? 5 A. Yes. 6 THE WITNESS: This -- if there is a 6 Q. -- when you testified to that? 7 violation between -- and it defines 1,000 to 5,000, 7 But isn't it also true that unlicensed 8 then it's classified as a B misdemeanor. My answer's 8 activity is a Class B misdemeanor? 9 gonna be, no, the Board does not --9 A. Yes. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have 10 10 Q. And that is a punishment that Mr. Jackson 11 administrative only --11 would face, whether or not it comes from this Board 12 THE WITNESS: Only --12 or anybody else, were he to practice without a 13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- based on -- and license if this was construed to be an alarm system? 13 14 the cases that we hear are totally anonymous and we 14 A. Yes. 15 have no prior for- -- knowledge or involvement in 15 Q. Thank you. 16 those; is that correct? 16 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Mr. Huff- --17 THE WITNESS: Everything is presented to Huffman, any kind of recross? 17 18 the Board anonymously, correct. MR. HUFFMAN: No, Your Honor. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. I have no 19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Anything else from 20 questions. 20 the Board for this witness? 21 21 Do y'all? (No response.) 22 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Any other 22 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Thank you, Ms. 23 questions by anybody? 23 Vest. 24 (No response.) 24 Any other witnesses? MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we have no 25 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Any 25 Page 142 Page 144 1 redirect, Mr. Boucek? further witnesses at this time. I do want to offer 2 in a transcript of our telephone hearing earlier. MR. BOUCEK: Very brief -- briefly. 2 3 It's a self-authenticating document transcribed by a 3 4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 4 court reporter. We have this marked as Exhibit 12 5 5 QUESTIONS BY MR. BOUCEK: for --6 Ms. Vest, you were asked about whether or not 6 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: It'd be entered as 7 7 you have the power to ignore the law. Do you recall Exhibit 12 then. 8 that question? 8 (WHEREUPON, the above-mentioned document 9 9 A. I don't know if it was worded exactly like was marked as Exhibit Number 12.) 10 10 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Do you want to

that.

11 I -- I may be -- I may be overly

12 generalizing, but you're familiar with the line of

questioning --13

14 Α. Yes, sir --

15 Q. -- which I'm talking --

16 Α. -- the question, yes.

17 I -- I just want to clarify. Pull out

18 Exhibit 10, that's the letter from Senator Bell.

19 Turning towards the last two sentences, he's urging

20 you to avoid unnecessarily expanding the reach of the

21 statute and to construe statutory definitions

22 narrowly as embodying the atent -- intent in the

23 passage of the Right to Earn a Living Act, is that

24 what he is saying?

That's what it reads, yes, sir. 25 A.

11 give it to the court reporter?

MR. BOUCEK: Sure.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: That'll be -- that 13

14 was a pre-hearing transcript.

MR. BOUCEK: One second, Your Honor.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure. 16

17 MR. BOUCEK: And I just want to read

18 briefly from this transcript with the Court's

19 permission.

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: (Nods head

21 affirmatively.)

MR. BOUCEK: This a statement from Mr.

23 Huffman: Based on the petition for the declaratory

24 order at this moment, what the facts are in the

petition would state that it is not an alarm system

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that would require licensure. If he needs some type
of order or something from the Board, we can get that
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Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor, that concludes our proof.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Huffman, will the Board present any kind of witnesses or -- or proof at all? I mean, not -- I'm sorry. The Department. MR. HUFFMAN: The Department is not

presenting any witnesses or proof from us. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. So I -- I

take it there'll be no rebuttal testimony then? MR. BOUCEK: One second, Your Honor.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.

MR. BOUCEK: I think we're fine. Your 16

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Before we get to closing arguments and I charge the Board here, let's go take about a

20 21 five-minute recess. Okay. 22

(Short recess.)

23 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. We're back 24 on the record in the Adam Jackson matter. We're gonna do closing arguments.

1 expert. John Cerasuolo, whose testimony was also uncontroverted. He testified in great depth about 2 3 his familiarity of the process. And he testified 4 that there was absolutely no reason why this met any 5 of the definitions of an alarm system's law.

6 I want to talk just briefly in a second 7 about those definitions. Remember the term I told 8 you when I began, statutory elements. So the 9 question before the Board is going to be do -- does 10 Mr. Jackson's product fit the statutory elements of 11 an alarm system. It's inconsequential whether or not 12 Mr. Jackson's system resembles an alarm system or 13 whether Mr. Jackson's business day to day in some way 14 resembles the business day to day of an alarm system.

The Board is bound by the specific statutory definitions. And the Board, as I will discuss momentarily here, should be adopting the most narrow construction of those definitions as possible.

In short, the evidence here has shown not only that Mr. Jackson does not have an alarm system but we actually heard two additional things; that there's no reason whatsoever to require a license or a certification of Mr. Jackson because his product has no tendency whatsoever to implicate any public interest. Now, we know -- we have a general sense as

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Mr. Boucek, do you have any closing arguments you wish to make? MR. BOUCEK: With the Court's permission, I'd love to make brief remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure.

MR. BOUCEK: Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your time. I know it's not easy to take time out of the busy schedules to schedule these things but it is important, and I know Mr. Jackson appreciates your time and thoughtful consideration as much as I do.

To just jump straight to it, the evidence here is uncontroverted that Mr. Jackson's system does not meet Tennessee's definition of an alarm system such that the application of that definition to his product would present a clearcut case of the Board exceeding its statutorily-designated authority; regulatory mismatch, in other words.

The proof came in three forms. We first heard from Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson described to you his product. It is a simple software solution that works through an existing closed-circuit TV. Mr. Jackson's system is no more than a common software upgrade.

We also heard the testimony of our -- our

Page 148 to why the alarm law exists. If you have faulty

2 electrical wiring, it can pose fire hazards, it's 3 very clear to see why there's a public interest 4 involved in that.

Here we are talking about plugging in an ethernet cable. It -- there's every bit of public interest here that there is in requiring cable installers or electronics equipment installers to have a license. There is no public interest here. And, thus, there is -- this is not something that the Board should wish to impose on Mr. Jackson.

The other thing that we heard based on the collective testimony is that the training. testing, and coursework that we require of qualified agents in this state would not do anything to make Mr. Jackson's product better or more effective. Because he needs five years of experience because he doesn't have a high school (sic) degree, what the effect of that would require is him doing five years of stuff that in no way resembles his product. And throughout that five years, he would come out of it and he wouldn't be any better to do what it is he wishes to do. It is, in other words, a completely

Now, I'm sensitive to the consideration

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Page 149 that Mr. Jackson's experience may perhaps give him

2 the ability to waive in. But that's not the only

3 burden that comes from falling under the Board's

4 authority. Mr. Jackson would have to run an alarm

5 system company. He will be subject to the Board's

6 authority for all of the regulations which really

7 have nothing to do with his product. It would also

subject him to the costs of making an application and

9 all the other retendant (sp) costs that come from

10 Board compliance. So the experience level is only

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12 As a final matter in closing, you should 13 consider your powers to be very narrow. I want to 14 point out that as you heard -- you got -- there was a 15 letter directed to the Commissioner from the Chairman 16 of the Government Ops committee, Mr. Mike Bell. And 17 he made reference to Tennessee's recent enactment of 18 the Right to Earn a Living Act. The Right to Earn a 19 Living Act was a recent legislative attempt to 20 reaffirm what should be obvious. One of the most 21 important civil rights that all of us, including Mr. 22 Jackson, enjoy is the right to earn an honest living. 23 And, therefore, it was in the public interest that we 24 not burden that right unless it is demonstrably 25 necessary.

avoid unnecessarily expanding the reach of the 2 statute and to construe those definitions narrowly. 3 A narrow construction of these statutes easily leads 4 to only one conclusion, this is not an alarm system.

5 To the -- return to those definitions, there's three ways to be an alarm. The first one is 6 7 it has to be designed to record, monitor, and protect 8 against personal property loss or injury. It's not 9 designed to do that. It's not designed to do 10 anything other than provide instant information to a 11 user who will in the end make a decision about how to 12 apply that. But it is not personal or property loss 13 because the applications are endless. It's not 14 limited to that. An end user makes a determination 15 when to use it. 16

Furthermore, the second element, it has to be personal property loss or injury resulting from fire, smoke, heat, burglary, theft, pilferage or other losses of that type. There's no evidence whatsoever that Mr. Jackson's product relates to fire, smoke, heat, burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage. I mean, the -- the common applications that we've heard are like mass shootings and denying entry to sex predators. That is not fire, smoke, heat, entry, burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage

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And the proof has shown overwhelmingly that -- forget about whether or not this is or is not an alarm system -- that his product in no way burdens public health, safety, or welfare. And furthermore, there was another clause in the legislation as well that says that we should not require a license unless it was demonstrably necessary and the least burdensome needs of installing quality.

Look, there are far more -- less burdensome ways to ensure quality out of Mr. Jackson's product. The market will sort it out. He could be subject to bad Yelp reviews. This is a man that could have a voluntary testing and training regime. There could be bonding requirements. All of these are things that are less restrictive than out and out a mandatory licensure that could ensure any consumer concern that there might possibly be.

18 In short, there is no reason for a 19 licensed regime to be imposed on Mrs. -- on Mr. 20 Jackson. To quote the letter, the purpose of this 21 law was to make sure that no one in Tennessee had his 22 right to earn a living barred from by a license 23 requirement unless it was absolutely necessary to 24 protect the public. When considering whether Mr. 25 Jackson's product is an alarm, I would urge you to

or other losses of that type.

Nor would it meet the second definition: Monitor, protect, or to prevent intrusions. An

4 intrusion means an entry designed to effectuate an 5 unlawful act. And here, again, there's no

6 representation that this is an unlawful act. It just

7 tells you that there is a person on the premises. 8 Now, if this definition stated that an alarm system

9 is something designed to provide notice of entry,

10 then that would be something that would make his

11 product an alarm system. But because the product 12 makes no representation that this is an unlawful

13 entry -- Mr. Jackson even told you -- this might

14 actually be a sex offender, but it is up to the end

15 user to make that determination. But even if it is a 16 sex offender, that sex offender might have a

17 legitimate reason to be on the premises so there is no representation that this is or is not an unlawful 18 entry. 19

Finally, the third definition is whether or not it detects or summon aids in other emergencies. Detect means to decover the -- discover the true character of or existence or presence or a fact of. Summon means to order someone to come, and neither of that is here. This is not a system that

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provides notice to police or fire telling them that
there is an emergency on the scene. It isn't even a
system designed to provide notice to a homeowner that
they have had a hit consistent with fire or unlawful
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I would submit to you that what we have here is no different than a wanted poster. And if we had a wanted poster in a post office and someone sat there and watched people come in and said that person looks like that person, I'm gonna go tell the principal, that is no more of an alarm system than 12 what this is. This is just a 21st century version of 13 that but it is not an alarm system.

14 I also want to draw the Board's attention 15 to the final exhibit we entered which was the 16 statement. And again, this is a statement that comes 17 from Mr. Huffman: Based on the petition for the 18 declaratory order, what the facts are in the petition 19 would state that it is not an alarm system and would 20 not require licensure. And this Board has the 21 ability to consider that too when arriving at its 22 determinations.

23 In -- in conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen 24 of the Board, this is a good soldier. This is a 25 person who fought for his country. This is a person 1 and now it's just time for you to make your decision. 2 Thank you.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you. Before I charge the Board, I -- I need to address, I guess, Mr. Boucek's motion that he made regarding a -- special instructions to the Board here.

Mr. Boucek, I'm gonna go ahead -- I've --I've had a chance to review that brief. Like I said, you know, of course, I can't really get into detail. But I'm -- I'm gonna -- I'm gonna go ahead -- go ahead and deny the motion on the record here so that it preserves your right to appeal this later on if that's what you choose to do, okay?

So I hope -- so I'm not gonna limiting your regular rights in any way or Mr. Jackson's rights depending on what the Board does here. So -but I think my -- my instructions I will give to the Board will be -- will be adequate and will address the -- the concerns you may have. I hope they do in anyway. But, obviously, if they do not, your -- your right to appeal has been preserved in this matter. Okav?

MR. BOUCEK: Thank you, Your Honor. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. I will now charge the Board. The Board has heard the proof in

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   think that we should give it to him. Doing so would
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   be consistent with the purposes of the Right to Earn
   a Living Act. And I thank you for your time here
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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Thank you. Mr. Huffman, do you wish to make any closing statement at this time? I know you didn't put in no proof but do you want to make a closing?

MR. HUFFMAN: Yes, Your Honor. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Go ahead.

MR. HUFFMAN: Well, at first, I really didn't have a closing. But you've heard this last statement that was entered into the record that I --

16 that I said on a telephone conference. I want to

17 make something clear that it's out of context because 18 of the 30-minute conversation. There's also

19 pre-settlement -- or pre-hearing settlement re- --

20 negotiations. But you also heard today that the

21 Judge said anything that was said before today is

22 irrelevant. It doesn't matter what Ms. Thomas says.

23 It doesn't matter what I say. Those are just

24 opinions based on what is presented to us. So today,

25 you've heard the proof that's been presented to you 1 this matter of Adam Jackson doing business as Edge A-2 -- Al. It is now my duty to charge you as to -- to 3 the law you must follow in reaching your decision.

You are the exclusive judges of facts in 5 this case. You also are the exclusive judges of the 6 law; specifically your statutes, rules, and 7 regulations and their application to this case. You 8 should apply the law to the facts in deciding the --9 this case under the directions of my charge. You 10 exclusively have the authority to make findings of 11 facts and reach conclusions of law in this matter.

No one else can participate in your deliberations. However, if you find that you need to have the law or legal terminology explained to you, I can assist you.

The respondent here today has asked for a declaratory order deeming that his product is not subject to licensure by this board. It is his burden, the respondent's burden, to prove these allegations by a preponderance of the evidence. Do not confuse this then with the higher standard of beyond a reasonable doubt used in criminal court proceedings. A preponderance of the evidence means that the greater weight of the evidence or that

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to cause you to believe that the respondent's allegations provide a more probable conclusion based upon all the evidence presented at this hearing.

You must limit your inquiry to what has been given -- provided to you today and the evidence and the testimony. The evidence consists of the testimony given by the witnesses during this hearing and the exhibits introduced into evidence which you may review during your deliberations and any facts which you may have -- stipulated by the parties.

The statements and arguments by the attorneys in this case and documents attached to the record such as the -- well, there is no technical record so we can skip that part of it. I'm sorry. You may use these arguments and documents to assist you in making your findings of facts and conclusions of law, but you should do so all after careful consideration and determination that they accurately reflect your own independent recollection of the evidence and your own conclusions from the evidence.

With regard to expert testimony, usually witnesses are not permitted to testify as to opinions or conclusions. However, a witness who has some specific, technical, or other specialized knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may be

Although, you may only consider the competent evidence presented during this hearing in make your decisions, this does not mean you are required to set aside your common knowledge and expertise in the field of alarm systems. You may -- in fact, should weigh the evidence in light of your training and your own observations and experience.

As mentioned earlier, the State has the burden of proof in this matter -- I mean, excuse me, the respondent has the burden of proof in this matter.

The Administrative Procedures Act specifically requires your -- your order to contain four sections: One, findings of facts; two, conclusions of law; three, a decision regarding any act should be taken; and, four, the policy reasons for your decision and determination.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: What was the fourth one, sir?

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Policy reasons. And I'll go into that in more detail just a minute -- just a moment here.

In making findings and facts, you must make your own evaluation of the testimony given by each of the witnesses and any documentary evidence

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permitted to give testimony in the form of an opinion. Those witnesses are often referred to as expert witnesses. You should determine the weight that -- that should be given to each expert's opinion and resolve conflicts in the testimony of different expert witnesses which was not on this matter.

You should consider the education, qualifications, and experience of the witness, the credibility of the witness, the facts relied upon by the witness to support the opinions, and the reasoning used by the witness to arrive at that -- their opinion. You should consider each expert opinion and give it the weight, if any, that you think it deserves. You are not required to accept the opinion of any expert.

In your order, you must articulate the standard of care applicable to this case. With regard to hypothetical questions given to the expert witness, an expert witness who was -- was asked to assume that certain facts were true and to give an opinion based upon that assumption, this is called a hypothetical question. You must determine if any fact assumed by the witness has not been established by the evidence and the effect of that omission, if any, upon the value of the opinion.

admitted. You must then give that testimony or other evidence the weight and credibility that you deem it proper. You may weigh the evidence in light of your training and expertise.

Once you have made your findings of facts, you must decide if the -- if the -- excuse me -- respondent's product meets the definition or not of an alarm system. Your decision must include sufficient analysis of the evidence to conclude and demonstrate how you arrived at this decision.

Your conclusions of law should make appropriate, specific references to your findings of facts to articulate linkages and connections to the two sections of your final order.

And finally, a policy reason must accompany your determination to state why the decision you've reached is -- the situation's appropriate.

Your deliberations must be audible in public before all parties. If you need assistance with the law or construction of your order, I will be available to assist you. It is inappropriate for the parties, or their counsel, or witnesses, or the Board staff to participate in your deliberations. Any action taken by the Board must pass by a majority

Page 165 Page 167 petition. 1 That's -- and -- and I think that's why the -- all 1 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's in the -- parts 2 these people are so quick to say, oh, we -- we have 2 3 of it it's in the transcript. 3 no problem doing business with him whether he has a 4 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yeah. I guess, 4 license or not, because of him. But who's to say 5 you'd probably need the whole thing, though, 5 that someone else that, you know, goes into business 6 necessarily just parts of it here for you -- if 6 is a sex predator and they take their picture out of 7 that's what y'all need to look at. 7 it, or they go in there? 8 MR. BOUCEK: I have -- I have a print up 8 I -- I do -- to me, it still falls under 9 9 this. I -- I guess, the -- the issue is -- I mean, of it too if that will help. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: If you've got 10 it -- it does monitor. It does summons aid. I -- I 11 that, let the Board just look at that. know that's -- it -- it's -- the person -- it's 11 12 MR. BOUCEK: I --12 notifying someone that is gonna come to it. That's 13 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure. Thank you. the purpose of it. Whether -- if they don't, that's 13 14 Mr. Boucek will have a copy of the 14 their own fault. You're saving that it -- or that he 15 statute. I think Mr. Cockroft requested that. Is said that it -- he -- they don't have to respond but 15 that's its purpose is for someone to respond to it. 16 that correct? 16 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, I have -- he I guess, the -- the problem I have the 17 18 has my copy of the state law. 18 most with is where it's -- is the particular -- the 19 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Oh, okay. Oh, types of loss they -- they talked about, whether it's 19 20 per- -- property loss or injury -- or talk about okay. 20 21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But it's all of it. 21 personal or property loss. To me, personal loss 22 It's not just -would be a kid getting molested. I mean, that --23 23 that to me is personal loss. I don't -- I -- maybe ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: It's all of it. 24 Okay. 24 I'm looking at that wrong. 25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- one particular. 25 MR. FRAKER: Well, my question on this, But inside the transcripts, the TCA is defined. you know, the big thing I see is he's got a product 1 1 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Do you want to 2 and it's -- it's a dividing line. We've got a 3 product and then whether he's actually installing the approach and give that to one of the Board, that's 3 4 fine, if you would like to look --4 product. You've got -- we've got camera 5 MR. BOUCEK: And, Ms. Hixson, I have a 5 manufacturers out there right now that's doing 6 copy. This is Tennessee Code Annotated 62-32-303. 6 analytics and they don't come before us and we use 7 The definition of alarm system is the very first one 7 their products every day. 8 8 SO. What I'm seeing my dividing line is Mr. 9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I have -- I have my 9 Jackson's product sounds like an excellent product, 10 copy if y'all want to look at that. 10 would be very good for the market. Now, whether if MR. COCKROFT: Thank you. Very good. he's going out and installing and consulting and all 11 11 12 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Thank you, Mr. of that, now that becomes a licensed product -- or 12 person, not -- not the product but the person. 13 Boucek. Thank you. 13 14 MR. BOUCEK: My pleasure. 14 MR. COCKROFT: Right. 15 THE BOARD: (Reviews document.) 15 MR. FRAKER: I think -- that's what I MR. COCKROFT: My feelings have not 16 16 see. 17 changed greatly. I mean, my -- my concern is still 17 MR. COCKROFT: That -- that's my problem 18 that -- is for the public safety of the general 18 too. I think it's a great product. I said that when it came up before. I do think it's -- it's needed. 19 public. But it -- the -- the Alarm Contractors Board 19 20 was not set up to prevent fires or other things. It 20 I don't think this is a huge burden to -- for 21 is about the -- the people behind it more than 21 licensure. I do think it comes under it. I -- the 22 anything else. It's about making sure that the 22 description of alarm system is weird in this -- in people -- we're not putting a burglar in there or 23 23 this statute but it is to cover CCTV. I mean, we're not putting a sex offender to oversee a system 24 clearly when it talks about view, monitor, it's

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MR. HARVEY: Well, it's clearly gonna need some updating to -- to better address newer equipment. I don't feel like that the -- the software, itself, that we're looking at, I don't -- I don't really feel like it -- I mean, it does meet the criteria of alarm system as just the software in itself. It's -- it's everything that goes with it.

It's -- once it's installed, what now? Now I've got to work on the camera system of some sort. I believe. I don't believe it's a simple plug-and-play. I think it's something that takes technical background. Granted, that's not clearly addressed in -- in our law as it sits and -- and that's -- that's the part that bothers me, I think. But I don't think that the product, the software. itself, meets the criteria of just an alarm system.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, one of the things is the product that he's offering being software, there's no limit to just it being for sexual predators. If he can go in and do a dump from any criminal justice system on sexual predators, there's nothing to stop him from getting those on

1 still have detect and summon aid for other 2 emergencies. And if it's not an emergency that a 3 sexual predator's onsite, even if it -- if they're legally there, it's still something that a -- an 4 5 administrator needs to go see about them, and that's the purpose of it. That's what they're trying to do. 6

I -- I think the difference, Doug, and what you were talking about is where a manufacturer may assist in something. They're not actually installing the system or in full control of it. And we -- I believe we had even suggested that that was a 12 route that he could possibly go but he -- he chose 13 not to.

MR. FRAKER: Yeah.

MR. COCKROFT: But there are a lot of manufacturers that might assist on a job as well like that.

MR. FRAKER: Right. And that's where I see the big -- you know, if you're gonna make the product and have XYZ Security install the product, awesome. But if you're gonna be the one out there installing the product, now you're talking about becoming a company --

MR. COCKROFT: Right. And it's been said that was to prevent competition. That's not -- it's

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other crime classifications which could then prevent the loss of life and loss of property depending on what that person's prior criminal history is.

Secondly, if this is not a monitoring system of every person that walks into a church, synagogue, school, I don't know what is. And it also -- the software in itself does facial recognition and it alerts somebody. Which these aren't our laws. These are the laws that this Board is bound to abide by.

In the past, and again today, even in your closing, you know, Mr. Jackson wants to be involved in the installation or the recommendation of cameras. That clearly falls under the CCTV definition under state law TCA 62-32-303. And then that -- that's my opinion, that, unfortunately, it does reach into not necessarily a burglar alarm or a fire alarm but it falls under the CCTV and the monitoring statutes.

MR. COCKROFT: And at one point intrusion was discussed as to whether or not it was about intrusion. But it does also -- it -- there's an "or" in there. B says monitor, detect, or prevent intrusion, or detect and summon aid for other emergencies. So even if you throw out intrusion, you Page 172

1 not to prevent competition or to keep him from installing it 'cause he can do that if he wants to 2 3 aet licensed.

MR. FRAKER: Right.

MR. COCKROFT: The point is, to make sure that the people that are installing it aren't criminals. That's the -- the main purpose of the --MR. FRAKER: I -- I agree with you on

MR. COCKROFT: Right. And I would guestion -- I think -- what was the -- Mr. Ceran- --I don't know how to pronounce the expert. I do believe he's an expert in alarm installations and camera systems, but he, himself, admitted that his company does not do any sort of camera system monitoring that has artificial intelligence. And there are a lot of alarm companies that do.

And this is the same as that. It's very -- it's the same sort of detection. It isn't -it's facial recognition versus a person recognition or a car, but there's other artificial intelligence that is being done in video monitoring. I'm surprised they're not. It's a bigger company but...

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Do you want to move to conclusions of law, or do you want to go

Page 175 Page 173 ahead and spell out the finding of facts? 62-32-303. The first is the purpose of the law. The 2 (No response.) 2 second is the definitions. It was stated that to 3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Would you prefer us 3 sell the product to a licensed person is okay, but to take a vote on the finding of facts -for Mr. Jackson to sell to (inaudible) --4 4 5 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Chairperson ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: You'll need to --5 Hixson, you -- you may want to slow down for them to 6 what you'll need to do here. I believe, no matter --6 7 7 no matter -- it doesn't matter what order you want to help -go in. If you've already reached on your -- reached 8 8 MS. THOMAS: No, no, no, you're fine. 9 9 your decision on what you want to do here, you can go ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Oh, are they good? 10 ahead and vote on that now and then we can start 10 Okay. working on the actual order if that's what the CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The entity -- I'm 11 11 12 question we're -- we can go ahead and just go right 12 sorry. 13 down just findings of facts first. Do you want to do ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: No, I'm fine. 13 14 that, get that knocked out and then go in order like 14 Just make sure that. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- would require 15 that? It's just up to the Board. 15 16 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Does the Board wish 16 licensure. The product, he would be involved in the 17 to take a vote at this time based on our -- or to 17 installation and advising on the scene. It would 18 form our decision? view, monitor. If it was just the software, itself, 18 19 MR. HARVEY: Let's do your finding of 19 which was covered previously, no, but everything else that goes with it does come under the state law in 20 facts first and then was it --20 21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We can -- we've got 21 your opinion. 22 I don't know if I -- I don't know if I the facts. We need --22 MR. HARVEY: We've got the facts. 23 left out anything or not. I tried to take notes from 23 24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We just need to 24 each of you as you were -- as you were speaking. So 25 formalize the language in our facts. 25 we would agree our finding of facts is that his Page 174 Page 176 business model does come under the Tennessee Code 1 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes, you can --1 2 Annotated 62-32-302 and -303 based on the 2 you can go ahead --3 3 aforementioned reasons. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Do you --4 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: -- because I -- I 4 Scott, you agree? 5 guess --5 MR. COCKROFT: Uh-huh. 6 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Do you want that 7 7 MR. COCKROFT: Yes. done first? 8 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Will the 8 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All right. Our finding of facts as follows is TCA 62-32-302, the law 9 Department be drafting this order, or who will be 9 of purpose. The purpose of this part is to provide 10 drafting this order by the Board? 10 uniform procedures and qualifications throughout the 11 MR. HUFFMAN: It'll be the Department --11 state for the certifying, licensing and regulation of 12 it'll be the Department. 12 13 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Yeah. 13 alarm systems contractors and to protect the safety and security of persons and property by assuring the 14 You'll need to go ahead and start spelling that out 14 so they can start working on the or- -- preparing the competence of individuals or companies offering alarm 15 15 16 order based on the -- so you'll need to work on your 16 systems and services to the general public. 17 findings of facts first, and then, I guess, the --17 62-32-303 as the part definitions: As 18 they'll be able to go ahead and do this order. 18 used in this part, unless the context otherwise 19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. I've taken 19 requires, alarm system means any mechanical, 20 notes, and the notes that I've got is that it 20 electrical, electronic system, or any combination of 21 monitors, it provides aid, alerts, and the 21 those systems designed to record, view, monitor, protect against, avoid, and reduce the probability of 22 personalized could be construed to the loss of a 22

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12 expanded depending on the personal customer's need to 13 include other classification of crimes. If he wishes 14 to sell his product to a licensed person, the Board 15 has no issue with that. If he wishes to be onsite 16 selling directly involved in the advising, the 17 installation of any type of cameras, then that does 18 under our statute require licensing. He has stated that he does want to be involved in that part. The 19 20 software, itself, would not be a problem, but 21 everything else that goes along with it does require 22 licensing. 23 Does that satisfy the finding of facts

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            MR. HARVEY: (Shakes head negatively.)
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            MR. COCKROFT: (Shakes head negatively.)
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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Okay. Then the policy reason why, basically just a short sentence that --

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The Board does not feel like it comes under the -- under the definition of an alarm systems contractor.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Okay. 10 Thank you for your service here today and your time. 11 I should say for your time here. 12

Mr. Boucek, based on the Board's decision here today, do you wish to withdraw your previous motions that you filed for summary judgment and the special instructions?

16 MR. BOUCEK: Certainly the summary 17 judgment motion is moot.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Yes.

19 MR. BOUCEK: Let -- may I just have one minute to confer? 20

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Sure. 21

MR. BOUCEK: Your Honor, we'll withdraw the two pending motions at this point in time.

23 24 ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Thank you.

Okay. If there's other -- anything

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2 MR. HUFFMAN: I don't believe there's

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MR. BOUCEK: No. sir, Your Honor.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. And Members

8 of the Board, anything else?

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: No. sir. 10

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE: Okay. Then we're

11 adjourned.

12 Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you.

14 (WHEREUPON, the foregoing proceedings

were concluded at 12:39 p.m.)

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